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## News on troop increase in Poland coming soon, US says

By JOHN VANDIVER  
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STUTTGART, Germany — An agreement on a U.S. troop increase in Poland will be announced shortly and could be larger than originally planned, the top U.S. diplomat in the country said.

The development comes as the U.S. is reportedly considering reducing its troop presence in Germany.

An announcement on the plan is "coming soon," U.S. Ambassador to Poland Georgette Mosbacher said on Twitter. President Donald Trump and Polish President Andrzej Duda's "vision for increased U.S. presence in Poland will be even greater than originally outlined," Mosbacher said in a post Thursday.

Polish Defense Minister Mariusz Blaszczak, in a Twitter post Friday, said the two sides are "now arranging the final details."

Last week, Reuters news agency said talks between Washington and Warsaw had collapsed over disagreements about how to fund the deployments and where to station incoming forces. Mosbacher dismissed the Reuters report in another Twitter post.

The two countries negotiated in 2019 a modest troop increase in Poland that called for 1,000 additional troops to rotate through the country. The plan, which is yet to be finalized, fell far short of the "Fort Trump" idea originally envisioned by Duda.

But a reported White House directive to pull 9,500 troops out of Germany in the months ahead has added a new twist. Earlier this month, reports emerged that the White House signed off on the reduction and that at least some of those forces could be shifted to Poland.

The Pentagon has not yet publicly addressed the issue.

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## Mural near Kabul's Green Zone ties plight of Afghan migrants to Floyd protests in US

By PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — On a concrete blast wall topped with barbed wire near Kabul's Green Zone, Afghan artists have painted a large mural depicting George Floyd next to an image dedicated to Afghan migrants who recently died in Iran.

The mural was painted to condemn global racism and connect the stories of Floyd and the migrants, who Afghans say are persecuted and abused in Iran and elsewhere, said Omar Ghani, a project manager with the ArtLords group, which painted the mural.

"Racism is all over the world and we need to denounce it," he said.

Under the portrait of Floyd are the words "I can't breathe" in English, which the 46-year-old African American said repeatedly as a white police officer pressed his knee to his neck for nearly nine minutes, until Floyd died in Minneapolis three weeks ago.

His killing was caught on cellphone video and has been replayed repeatedly on the internet and nightly news broadcasts, leading to protests and vigils around the world.

The image dedicated to the Afghans shows hands reaching through the red bar at the bottom of the Iranian flag, which is depicted as a sea of blood. Written in Farsi across the top are the words "We can't breathe."

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A person walks past a mural near the fortified Green Zone in Kabul on Monday, dedicated to George Floyd and three Afghan migrants who died in Iran.

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# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Over 40K cruise ship workers still trapped at sea

Associated Press

MIAMI — More than 40,000 cruise ship workers are still stuck at sea because of concerns about the coronavirus.

The Miami Herald reports that at least 42,000 workers remain trapped on cruise ships without paychecks, and some still are suffering from COVID-19, three months after the industry shut down.

Cruise lines stopped sailing in mid-March after several high-

profile outbreaks at sea. More than 600 people fell ill aboard Carnival Corp.'s Diamond Princess while it was quarantined off Japan, for example. Fourteen passengers died.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control has prohibited cruises in U.S. waters through July 24. Some cruise ship workers have started being repatriated to their home countries.

About 3,000 Carnival Cruise Line workers got off in Croatia earlier this month to catch rides

and flights home across Europe. MSC Cruises has flown more than 1,000 Indian crew members home on charter flights from Europe and South America. Royal Caribbean also flew more than 1,200 Filipino crew members home last week from Greece, Dubai, the United States and Barbados, according to the Herald.

Several Caribbean countries haven't allowed cruise ships to dock in their ports out of concerns that they would cause spikes in the number of virus cases.

### EXCHANGE RATES

<b>Military rates</b>			
Euro costs (June 16)	\$1.10	Switzerland (Franc)	0.9485
Dollar buys (June 16)	60.8651	Thailand (Baht)	31.08
British pound (June 16)	\$1.22	Turkey (Lira)	6.8441
Japanese yen (June 16)	105.00	(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	
South Korean won (June 16)	1,177.00		
<b>Commercial rates</b>			
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3776		
British pound	\$1.2570		
Canada (Dollar)	1.3619		
China (Yuan)	7.0948		
Denmark (Krone)	6.6107		
Egypt (Pound)	16.1777		
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.1279/0.8866		
Hungary (Forint)	7.7501		
Israel (Shekel)	3.4908		
Japan (Yen)	107.40		
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3076		
Norway (Krone)	9.6389		
Philippines (Peso)	50.29		
Poland (Zloty)	3.93		
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7525		
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3530		
South Korea (Won)	1,211.48		

### INTEREST RATES

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Discount rate	0.25
Federal funds market rate	0.06
3-month bill	0.16
30-year bond	1.45

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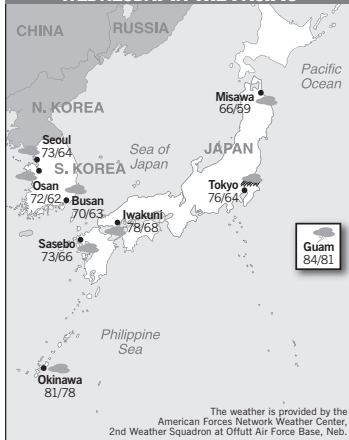
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## MILITARY

# USAF deploys Reapers to Estonia for 1st time

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STUTTGART, Germany — U.S. unmanned aircraft are operating for the first time out of Estonia, where they will be temporarily based in support of allied intelligence gathering missions, U.S. Air Forces in Europe said Monday.

MQ-9 Reaper aircraft were moved from Miroslawiec Air Base in northwestern Poland while a runway there is under construction, USAFE said in a statement.

The move, while temporary, could give NATO a surveillance boost around the upper Baltics, where Russia's military is active. USAFE did not say how many

aircraft and airmen were repositioned to Estonia's Amari Air Base, citing operational security. The troops belong to the Air Force's 52nd Expeditionary Operations Group Detachment 2.

"The operations aim to promote stability and security within the region and strengthen relationships with NATO allies and other European partners," USAFE said

of the mission.

Since 2018, MQ-9 Reapers have been operating out of Poland. In the past, the unit also has carried out temporary missions in Romania while runway work was done at the Polish base.

Miroslawiec Air Base could eventually factor into plans for a larger U.S. presence in Poland. A 2019 deal between Warsaw and

Washington called for the establishment of a drone squadron in the country.

Negotiations connected to basing more U.S. troops in Poland are ongoing, with officials from both sides last week saying that a deal is imminent.

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## Poland: US Army tank units on top of Warsaw's wish list

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Poland has long sought the deployment of a permanent U.S. military force on its territory. Army tank units have been on top of Warsaw's wish list.

The U.S. military has up to 4,500 nonpermanent troops in Poland, where various units have been rotating for several years. The mission is focused on deterring Russian aggression along NATO's eastern flank, which has

been a focal point for the Pentagon in Europe since Russia's occupation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014.

U.S. soldiers and airmen are based at numerous sites, including a small Army headquarters in Poznan, a logistics hub in Powidz and drone, missile defense and special operations facilities in other parts of the country.

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U.S. soldiers with 3rd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment fire in a Stryker armored vehicle during an exercise on Bemowo Piskie Training Area in Orzysz, Poland, this month.

## 2 killed in Ala. crash were Navy pilots in civilian plane

Associated Press

SELMA, Ala. — The Navy has identified two of its pilots who were killed in a civilian plane crash last week in Alabama.

Capt. Vincent Segars and Cmdr. Joshua Fuller were flying to Pensacola, Fla., from Jasper, Ala., aboard a civilian plane. The single-engine plane went down near Selma on Wednesday afternoon, killing both. They were the only people on board.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the crash.

Segars was commanding officer of the Naval Aviation Schools Command at Naval Air Station Pensacola, and Fuller was an integration officer for the command's naval introductory flight evaluation program, said Cmdr. James Stockman, public affairs officer

for Naval Education and Training Command at NAS Pensacola.

The Pensacola News Journal reported Segars was from South Carolina and was commissioned into the Navy on Sept. 6, 1990, through the NROTC Program at Georgia Institute of Technology. He later attended the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama and was first assigned as the commander of NAS Pensacola's Naval Aviation Schools Command on April 29, 2009.

Fuller, a Florida native, was commissioned into the Navy on June 23, 2000, and became part of the Naval Aviation Schools Command staff on Nov. 15, 2019. Before moving to the Gulf Coast, he was assigned to multiple electronic attack squadrons in Whidbey Island, Wash.



Theron Godbold/Stars and Stripes

Soldiers take part in a promotion ceremony and celebrate the Army's 245th birthday aboard the Army Vessel Harpers Ferry at Yokohama North Dock, Japan, on Sunday.

## Far from home and on lockdown, mariners celebrate Army's 245th

By THERON GODBOLD  
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YOKOHAMA NORTH DOCK, Japan — Rain and drizzle did little to dampen the spirits of 14 mariners aboard the U.S. Army Vessel Harpers Ferry who celebrated the service's 245th birthday Sunday.

Six thousand miles from home and locked down at Yokohama North Dock, an Army installation on Tokyo Bay, because of the coronavirus pandemic, the crew celebrated with a family-style barbecue featuring shrimp kabobs and the promotion of two of their own.

"It feels good," said Spc. Colin Ricker, 25, of Greenville, Tenn.,

after being promoted. "It makes you feel like you're a part of history."

The Harpers Ferry — not to be confused with the Navy landing ship dock of the same name — is on a short mission from Okinawa, where it's deployed from its homeport, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, near Newport News, Va. The Army's Harpers Ferry is a 173-foot-long vessel classified as a landing craft and used to quickly transport equipment and troops to shore.

Its commander, Warrant Officer Marcus Corum, 31, from Lexington, Ala., said events like this are a great way to raise morale, especially during a lockdown.

"Days like today are special," he said. "It gives us a reason to celebrate and not worry about work. We are here day by day but today is different, we can put [the coronavirus] aside and have a little celebration."

The Harpers Ferry is the only manned Army vessel at Yokohama North Dock, but two other vessels there are expected later this summer.

"Even as small and informal as it is the crew gets to see, this is what we do and how we celebrate," Corum said. "And this is how we keep our legacy going forward."

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## MILITARY

# F-15 pilot found dead after crash off British coast

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The body of the pilot of a U.S. Air Force F-15 jet that crashed into the North Sea was found Monday after an hourslong search off the coast of northeast England, officials said.

"It is with a very heavy heart that I confirm the pilot of the downed F-15C Eagle has been located and confirmed deceased," Col. Will Marshall, commander of the 48th Fighter Wing, based at RAF Lakenheath in England, said in a video message.

The F-15 crashed Monday at around 9:30 a.m. during a routine training flight, Marshall said in an earlier video message.

The pilot's identity will not be released until all next of kin have been notified, Marshall said.

"This is a tragic loss for the 48th Fighter Wing community and our deepest condolences go out to the pilot's family and the 493rd Fighter Squadron," he said.

The pilot's body was located several hours after the British coast guard found wreckage from the plane off the English coast.

Emergency communications were heard on a "frequency used throughout NATO" just before the crash, The Aviationist website reported.

Several British and American military planes, and British coast guard helicopters, helped search for the pilot, media reports said.

Two British lifeboats were also dispatched to the site where the crash occurred, Jim Rice, a spokesman for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, told Stars and Stripes.

The crash was the third notable incident involving an F-15 in two years.

An F-15C from the Oregon Air National Guard's 142nd Fighter Wing skidded to a stop at Joint Base Andrews, Md., last month after the pilot declared an in-flight emergency. No injuries were reported.

On June 10, 2018, an F-15C from the 44th Fighter Squadron at Kadena Air Base, Japan, crashed into the ocean south of Okinawa. The pilot ejected and was recovered by Japanese rescue forces.

The Air Force operates roughly 249 F-15 Eagles, which were developed in the 1970s by McDonnell Douglas.

Plans to upgrade the aging fleet that were approved by Congress last year allowed for the purchase of two new Boeing F-15EX fighters, with an option for six more, and for new computers, cockpits and electronic warfare systems for the F-15C and D models.

The 48th Fighter Wing is the only Air Force F-15 wing in Europe, and consists of more than 4,500 active-duty military members. RAF Lakenheath is the largest U.S. Air Force-operated base in England, according to its website.

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U.S. Air Force

Airmen use coronavirus gate-screening procedures at Yokota Air Base, Japan, in this screen shot from a video posted in April by the 374th Airlift Wing. The home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo reported the first coronavirus case from within its community Monday.

## Yokota has first coronavirus case in military community

By SETH ROBSON  
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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo reported its first coronavirus case Monday, three days after the military relaxed its health protection condition in the country.

"A member of the Yokota community who returned from the US to Japan on 12 June has tested positive for COVID-19," Yokota officials said in a Facebook post.

The person was placed in quarantine when they arrived, officials said.

"While the member does not exhibit any symptoms, the individual has now been placed in isolation on base in accordance with strict Center for Disease Control guidelines," said officials at the base, which is home to some

12,000 personnel. "Persons who had any close interaction with the individual have been identified and quarantined to ensure the safety of our airmen, families and the local community. There are no indications of additional risk to Team Yokota."

On Friday, USFJ commander Lt. Gen. Kevin Schneider announced that U.S. forces would lower their health protection condition from Charlie to Bravo, but extend a public health emergency declared April 6 through July 14. Under Bravo condition, the Defense Department advises personnel to continue to practice social distancing and avoid unnecessary travel.

New coronavirus cases in Japan dropped sharply from the start of the month and have remained low.

However, Tokyo reported 47

new cases Sunday, the most since May 5.

The latest case at Yokota is the first among local base personnel, but an undisclosed number of Navy sailors tested positive for coronavirus in late April, after being sequestered at the installation before boarding USS Ronald Reagan carrier strike group vessels for an upcoming patrol.

Last month, the Air Force revealed that an undisclosed number of support staff accompanying the sequestered sailors had also tested positive.

On Facebook, Air Force officials assured the base community that Yokota would remain one of the most effective locations to safely and securely house personnel as airmen and their families arrive in Japan.

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U.S. Coast Guard

A boat from Coast Guard Station Elizabeth City, N.C., approaches a sinking houseboat on the Scuppernon River in Albemarle Sound, off North Carolina.

## Coast Guard rescues 2 people, 1 cat

Stars and Stripes

Coast Guard helicopter and boat crews combined to rescue two people and their cat from a sinking 50-foot houseboat in North Carolina over the weekend.

An MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter and a 29-foot boat launched from Elizabeth City, N.C., on Saturday, after authorities received a 911 call saying that the houseboat was taking on water on the Scuppernon River in Albemarle Sound, the service said in a statement. Elizabeth City is about 50 miles south of Norfolk, Va.

The two people were hoisted to the helicopter and brought to the Northeastern Regional Airport, while the boat crew took the cat aboard, Coast Guard District 5 said. There were no injuries, officials said.

It was the first operational hoist rescue for Lt. Karissa Kealy, one of the chopper pilots, and the first rescue for Petty Officer 2nd Class Martin Andrada,

the flight mechanic.

"We're fortunate that we train for these types of scenarios all of the time," Kealy said. "Even though it may be different when you are responding to an actual emergency, you have a solid foundation from your training to always fall back on."

A Coast Guard video showed the two people hoisted separately into the helicopter from the nearly submerged boat. It also captured the moment when rescue boat crew member Petty Officer 3rd Class Victoria Cloin returned the cat to its owner.

"Oh, look at that, he's got his own little jacket," the unnamed owner says as Cloin helps the feline into a carrier. "Thank you so much."

The houseboat's owner is coordinating with the Coast Guard to salvage the craft, the service said.

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## PACIFIC

# USAF community in Okinawa holds vigil for Floyd

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Air Force Tech Sgt. Louis Evan Knox stood stoically underneath a coniferous tree in the early morning heat Saturday outside Chapel 1 at Kadena Air Base, his three children at his side, in a multicolored sea of faces.

Knox, 36, of the 18th Medical Group, was among more than 400 supporters who attended a vigil hosted by the 18th Wing Chaplain Corps to grieve the death of George Floyd. They also stood in solidarity against racial injustice and inequality, in the United States and also in the Air Force.

"It was important for my kids to see this," said Knox, a Philadelphia native. "I lived through a lot of these challenges that they're protesting [in the United States] today. So, I wanted to show my kids that even though we're in the military, we can still go out and support the cause."

The vigil featured speeches, prayer and 8 minutes and 46 seconds of silence — the length of time a white police officer in Minneapolis knelt on Floyd's neck, despite his cries for help, May 25. The 46-year-old black man died.

The killing, which was caught on cellphone video and replayed over and over on the internet and nightly news broadcasts, led to protests in cities around the world.

Knox said the protests have resulted in a more open dialogue about racism and police brutality, giving hope that perhaps steps will be taken to change the system. The importance of Saturday's vigil wasn't lost on his children.

"It's open and it's good that people are talking now because I think [the violence against black people] should stop," said Katalina Pettigru Knox, 12.

The event came about after a member of the base mental health team emailed the chapel June 8 and asked if it had anything planned, said Air Force Chaplain (Capt.) Adam Rhoads.

Rhoads routed the request up to 18th Wing commander Air Force Brig. Gen. Joel Carey, who signed off.

Organizers on Friday moved the event to a larger venue after social media generated greater interest in it.

"It means a lot to the community to be able to see such unity," Rhoads said Saturday. "When we look at the news and the media back home, we just see so much division there, and so to have something like this, you just see a united people. It's powerful and it speaks volumes to the community here and even just people being able to drive by and see it."

Cars began to trickle into the chapel parking lot at about 8:15 a.m. Saturday. By 8:30 a.m., the



PHOTOS BY MATT BURKE/Stars and Stripes

A woman takes a knee, Saturday, during a vigil in memory of George Floyd at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.



People attend the vigil for Floyd in Okinawa.

large lot was mostly full. The diverse crowd gathered around a small public address system near the chapel's front door.

"As we recognize change is needed, we grieve, because it was the death of George Floyd that

tipped the scale for America to realize there is still a long way to go to get to where we want to be," Rhoads told those in attendance.

He asked everyone to dream of a place where everyone is treated equally and to imagine the steps

individuals can take to get there. He then led a prayer.

Some supporters took a knee during the extended silence, others shed tears.

"I think it was a long time coming," said Marine spouse Chimere China of Fairfax, Va. "It's not just George Floyd, it's everyone we have lost. I'm grateful that they put something together like this because there was a huge community feeling left out and helpless on how we could get involved."

Marine civilian employee Jason Bivins summarized his feelings about the day's events.

"How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," he said, before smiling and walking away.

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## USFK bans display of Confederate flag in public areas

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SEOUL, South Korea — U.S. Forces Korea banned the display of the Confederate flag in public areas Monday in the latest move to prevent unrest over racial injustice in the United States from spilling into the ranks in South Korea.

The order comes as Confederate symbols have become a frequent target for protesters following the May 25 death of George Floyd, an unarmed black man, at the hands of police.

USFK commander Gen. Robert Abrams said the flag, which generally has a red or blue field with two blue or red diagonal lines and white stars, may not be displayed in workplaces, common-access areas and public areas, including clothing and bumper stickers, on its installations.

"The Confederate Battle Flag does not represent the values of U.S. Forces assigned to serve" in South Korea, Abrams said in a memo dated Monday. "While I acknowledge some might view it as a symbol of regional pride, many others in our force see it as a painful reminder of hate, bigotry, treason and devaluation of humanity."

"Regardless of perspective, one thing is

**‘It has the power to inflame feelings of racial division. We cannot have that division among us.’**

Gen. Robert Abrams  
USFK commander

clear: it has the power to inflame feelings of racial division. We cannot have that division among us," he added.

He also directed all commanders "to identify and ensure the removal of all display of the Confederate Battle Flag or its depiction" in the common areas.

The command was not aware of any flags being displayed publicly but wanted to make it clear that they are not welcome, spokesman Col. Lee Peters said separately in response to a question.

The areas affected by the ban include office buildings, aircraft, hangars, conference rooms, individual offices, gyms, latrines, common areas of housing units and other places in plain view, including cloth-

ing and bumper stickers.

The order does not apply to private areas such as barracks rooms, Peters said.

The order also specified that the ban does not apply to areas where the flag is depicted but not the main focus of display, such as artistic, educational or historical displays about the Civil War. "It also does not include state flags which incorporate the Confederate Battle Flag," according to the policy.

Abrams has made several moves to tackle concerns about racism among black service members after mass protests were sparked by the May 25 killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

USFK, which commands some 28,500 service members, also held a public town hall earlier this month to discuss concerns about racism and allowed troops to organize a candlelight vigil in honor of Floyd. He died while a white police officer pinned him down with his knee for several minutes.

Abrams was asked during the June 7 town hall if he would ban the display of the Confederate flag. He promised to do so if it was within his power.

He issued the order Monday, saying it

was within his "authority and responsibility to take reasonable, necessary, and lawful measures to protect people, installations and property, and to ensure good order and discipline among our force," the memo said.

The Marine Corps and the Navy also have banned the flag. Army leaders have said they're considering a similar move for the service as a whole.

The military has faced controversy over the Confederate legacy many times in the past.

Momentum for change appeared to get a boost when Defense Secretary Mark Esper reportedly signaled that he was open to discussion about removing the names of Confederate officers from 10 Army bases.

However, President Donald Trump tweeted last week that his administration "will not even consider" doing so.

"The United States of America trained and deployed our HEROES in these Hallowed Grounds, and won two World Wars," he wrote. "Our history as the Greatest Nation in the World will not be tampered with. Respect our Military!"

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## MILITARY



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An Afghan group created a mural near the fortified Green Zone in Kabul that is dedicated to George Floyd, an American whose death sparked worldwide protests against racism, and three Afghan migrants who died in Iran.

## Mural: Deaths of three Afghan migrants draws connection to Floyd killing overseas

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Three Afghan migrants died last month and four were injured when Iranian police opened fire on the vehicle they were traveling in, causing it to burst into flames, the Afghan Foreign Ministry has said. The Iranian authorities have denied that the police caused the blaze which led to the deaths.

Like Floyd's killing, the inci-

dent in which the Afghans died was captured on video and shared on social media.

Floyd "can be a symbol for us, too," said taxi driver Amrullah Amir, who has driven past the mural nearly every day since it was painted on June 9. "If someone does something bad, everyone should stand up to show that it's wrong."

The heavily fortified Green Zone in Kabul is home to diplomatic missions, including the U.S. Embassy, and to NATO headquarters in Afghanistan. The mural is painted on a part of the blast wall that is not far from the Iranian embassy, ArtLords co-founder Omaid Sharifi said.

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## 'Black Lives Matter' banner removed at US Embassy in Seoul

Bloomberg

A large "Black Lives Matter" banner draped on the front of the U.S. Embassy in Seoul was removed on Monday after it was brought to the attention of President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Michael Pompeo, according to people familiar with the matter.

Pompeo and Trump were both displeased by the banner, the people said. A large, multicolored "pride" banner recognizing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people was also removed on Monday. They were replaced with a banner commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Korean War.

The embassy unfurled the "Black Lives Matter" banner on its mission building on Saturday to support worldwide anti-racism protests that have followed the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody last month.

The U.S. Embassy "stands in solidarity with fellow Americans grieving and peacefully protesting to demand positive change," the embassy said Saturday on Twitter, posting a picture of the banner. "Our #BlackLivesMatter banner shows our support for the fight against racial injustice and police brutality as we strive to be a more inclusive & just society."

But on Monday, after the ban-

ners were removed, the embassy said that U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Harry Harris did not intend "to support or encourage donations to any specific organization. To avoid the misperception that American taxpayer dollars were spent to benefit such organizations, he directed that the banner be removed."

Harris said earlier in a retweet of the embassy's tweet about the banners, in Korean, that "USA is a free and diverse nation ... from that diversity, we gain our strength." He also quoted former President John Kennedy.

The embassy had displayed the large rainbow flag in support of "LGBTQ Pride Month" last year, despite an order from the State Department not to hoist the banner.

Harris was nominated for his post by Trump in 2018 after a Navy career in which he was the first Asian American to hold a four-star rank and the first to head U.S. Pacific Command. He was the Joint Chiefs' representative to the secretary of state from 2011 to 2013 under President Barack Obama.

An anti-racism protest took place in Seoul on June 6, with more than 100 people marching in black clothes through the city's central shopping district of Myeongdong.

## UN team probing ISIS horrors urges Iraq to pass war crimes law

By SAMYA KULLAB  
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — United Nations investigators have collected millions of call data records implicating Islamic State militants in atrocities committed in Iraq, but delays in passing a law to govern war crimes trials could hinder the pursuit of justice, according to the head of the investigation.

Karim A. Khan leads the team charged with investigating ISIS atrocities committed against the Yazidi minority and other groups. His team has obtained over 2 million call data records from service providers with the help of Iraq's judiciary, he told The Associated Press in an interview Sunday.

The data will help geolocate suspects in the summer of 2014, when the extremists killed and enslaved thousands of Yazidis after sweeping across northern Iraq. He said that the records provide evidence which is admissible in court and can prove criminal responsibility "beyond reasonable doubt."

The records, along with witness testimony and other information, will allow the investigators to



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

An Iraqi man prays for a slain relative at a mass grave believed to contain the bodies of Iraqi soldiers killed by Islamic State militants when they overran Camp Speicher military base in Tikrit, Iraq.

focus on those most responsible for the crimes that were committed, Khan said.

"We have targets," he said. "We are trying to build case files that can be properly prosecuted and adjudicated in Iraq or in third states."

The U.N. team is also working with Iraqi intelligence to extract data from cellphones and storage devices, including hard drives, left behind when ISIS members fled during operations to dislodge the group from the northern city of Mosul in 2016 and 2017.

Iraq declared victory over Islamic State in December 2017. The extremists no longer control any territory in Iraq or neighboring Syria, but they have continued to carry out sporadic attacks in both countries.

Over 300 suspects have been identified in connection to the events in Sinjar, with some still residing in Iraq, Khan said, adding that the list of suspects is still growing. He said that the use of 3D technology is helping with the analysis of mass grave sites.

Investigative teams were also established to look into ISIS crimes committed against fellow Sunni Muslims as well as other ethnic minorities, such as the Shabak, Kakai and Turkmen. Investigators are also looking into the ISIS massacre of hundreds of captured Iraqi air force cadets in June 2014.

But Khan said that the investigators are still waiting for Iraq to pass a law developed by President Barham Salih, lawmakers and the judiciary that would allow Iraqi courts to prosecute war crimes, calling it a "key piece in the jigsaw."

Legislative efforts have been

set back by recent political turmoil, including mass protests in October that led to the resignation of Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi, as well as the coronavirus outbreak.

"Now that we have a new government in place, I am hoping parliament will consider this Iraqi law in the next period of time," Khan said. "That is going to be quite important for us."

Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi's government, sworn in last month, is grappling with an economic crisis spurred by falling oil prices and the pandemic.

Suspected ISIS members are being prosecuted under Iraq's terrorism laws in often hasty trials that have been criticized by rights groups. The law under consideration would bring trials in line with international laws governing genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. Those crimes are not currently recognized by Iraqi law.

"Ultimately, this is not just an academic exercise of giving a nice Security Council report," Khan said. "We have victims and survivors that are waiting for justice."



# NATION

## Autopsy: Man killed in Atlanta scuffle shot twice in back

Associated Press

ATLANTA — An autopsy found that the black man killed in a scuffle with Atlanta police outside a fast-food drive-thru was shot twice in the back, the medical examiner's office said.

The killing of Rayshard Brooks, 27, as he tried to flee after wrestling with officers and grabbing a Taser has rekindled protests in Atlanta that erupted in the wake of George Floyd's death in Minneapolis. The Wendy's restaurant where Brooks was shot was burned down over the weekend.

The NAACP planned a demonstration Monday outside the Georgia Capitol in Atlanta, where Republican leaders returning to work in the legislature after a prolonged coronavirus shutdown pushed back against swift consideration of a slate of changes Democrats want in policing and criminal justice.

An autopsy Sunday concluded that Brooks died from blood loss

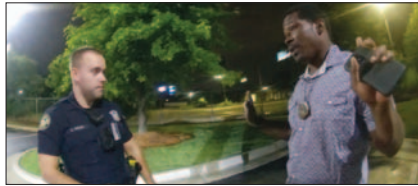
and damage to internal organs after being shot twice in the back, the Fulton County medical examiner's office said in a news release.

Officer Garrett Rolfe, who fired the fatal shots, has been fired, and the other officer at the scene, Devin Brosnan, has been placed on administrative duty. Atlanta Police Chief Erika Shield resigned a day after the shooting.

Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard said he hopes to decide by midweek whether to charge either of the officers. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation was placed in charge of the investigation.

Brooks was shot late Friday after police were called amid complaints that a car was blocking the drive-thru lane. An officer found Brooks asleep in the car, had him move it to a parking space and began a sobriety check.

Video from the two officers' body cameras and dash-mounted cameras on their cruisers showed



ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT/AP

**This screen grab taken from body camera video shows Rayshard Brooks speaking with Officer Garrett Rolfe in the parking lot of a Wendy's restaurant Friday in Atlanta. Rolfe has been fired following the fatal shooting of Brooks.**

Brooks cooperating for more than 40 minutes, telling them he had had a couple of drinks while celebrating his daughter's birthday and consenting to a breath test.

The video shows Brooks' alcohol level at 0.108 percent — higher than the legal limit in Georgia. When one of the officers takes Brooks' left wrist and moves to handcuff him, Brooks tries to run and the officers take him to the ground.

As Brooks fights to stand, Brosnan presses a Taser to his leg and threatens to stun him. Brooks grabs the Taser and pulls it away. He struggles to his feet, the Taser in his hand, and starts running.

Rolfe fires his Taser, and a yelp can be heard above the weapon's electric crackle. Rolfe runs after Brooks, and seconds later three gunshots are heard.

Both officers' body cameras were knocked to the ground in the struggle, and none of the four police cameras captured the shooting. Footage released from a Wendy's security camera showed Brooks turn and point an object at one of the officers, who was steps behind him. The officer draws his gun and fires.

"As I pursued him, he turned and started firing the Taser at me," Rolfe told a supervisor after the shooting in a videotaped conversation. "He definitely did shoot it at me at least once."

The Brooks family's lawyer noted on NBC's "Today" show on Monday that Brooks was shot from a distance, carrying what the officers knew to be a non-lethal weapon, and couldn't have gotten away, since they had his driver's license.

### At least 7 Minn. police officers quit

MINNEAPOLIS — At least seven Minneapolis police officers have quit and another seven are in the process of resigning, citing a lack of support from department and city leaders as protests over George Floyd's death escalated.

Current and former officers told The Minneapolis Star Tribune that officers are upset with Mayor Jacob Frey's decision to abandon the Third Precinct station during the protests. Demonstrators set the building on fire after officers left.

Protesters also hurled bricks and insults at officers. Numerous officers and protesters have been injured.

The Minnesota Department of Human Rights launched a civil rights investigation into the city's police department this month and the FBI is investigating whether police willfully deprived Floyd of his civil rights.

The department has faced decades of allegations of brutality and other discrimination against African Americans and other minorities. A majority of City Council members support dismantling or defunding the department.

"(Officers) don't feel appreciated," said Mylan Masson, a retired Minneapolis officer and use-of-force expert. "Everybody hates the police right now. I mean everybody."

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## NATION

# Police fire tear gas in Richmond protest standoff

By GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER  
The Washington Post

RICHMOND — Police fired tear gas at protesters in Virginia's state capital early Monday after an hourlong standoff sparked by an incident in which a city police vehicle struck several demonstrators Saturday night.

At least one person was thought to have been taken into custody during the standoff.

The confrontation began Sunday, shortly before 10 p.m., outside Richmond police headquarters on Grace Street. A crowd of some 300 protesters, many dressed in black with black head and face coverings, converged in a parking lot across the street from the building.

They confronted several dozen officers in riot gear, standing in a line along the block and holding their shields. An armored vehicle was behind the police in the parking lot across the street from the building's parking garage. Several officers looked down from the roof. City dump trucks had been stationed at either end of the block to seal it off to traffic.

Almost immediately, the officers put on gas masks. Soon a helicopter was circling overhead, aiming a spotlight onto the crowd.

The protesters chanted "Black Lives Matter" and "no justice, no

peace," while several stood close to the officers yelling profanities and shining lights in their faces. Some protesters carried knives on their hips; one had a samurai sword in a sheath.

The police wore body armor, carried rifles and kept their hands on what appeared to be cans of pepper spray. They were from both city and state police, joined later by Henrico County police.

After the pepper spray was deployed, the crowd backed up a little. But protesters surged forward again, yelling taunts.

Police deployed spray a second time after a protester seemed to lunge at an officer, who pushed the man back with his shield.

Around 10:50 p.m., some protesters began telling others in the crowd to leave or back off. A young woman who had been helping lead the protest had been taken into custody early in the confrontation.

The event that sparked the confrontation took place Saturday evening. A police SUV drove onto a curb, striking multiple people who were blocking the vehicle's path near the Robert E. Lee statue on Monument Avenue, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reported. No one appeared to be seriously injured, the newspaper said.

## Secret Service now says it used pepper spray at DC protest

By ROS KRASNY  
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Secret Service backtracked on Saturday to say that an employee had used pepper spray to clear protesters from a park near the White House on June 1, shortly before President Donald Trump held a photo-op in the area.

The determination came after "further review" of the events in Lafayette Park, which was cleared of mostly peaceful protesters shortly before Trump and an entourage walked through the area on the way to a brief visit to a nearby church.

"An agency employee used pepper spray on June 1st, during efforts to secure the area," the USSS said in a statement that was also posted on Twitter.

"The employee utilized oleoresin capiscum spray, or pepper spray, in response to an assaultive individual."

On June 5, the agency concluded that no agency personnel had used tear gas or pepper spray in Lafayette Park that day, "based on the records and information available at the time."

Trump and several administration officials, including Attorney General William Barr, walked across the park shortly after the protesters were scattered. The episode came minutes after Trump gave a speech in the Rose Garden of the White House threatening to "deploy the United States military" in U.S. cities to quell unrest triggered by the death of a black Minnesota man, George Floyd, in police custody.

Trump posed in front of the his-



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., the sole African American Republican in the Senate, has been crafting an extensive package of policing changes that includes new restrictions on police choke holds and other practices set to roll out Wednesday.

## GOP bill to restrict police chokeholds

By LISA MASCARO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Driven by a rare urgency, Senate Republicans are poised to unveil an extensive package of policing changes that includes new restrictions on police chokeholds and other practices as President Donald Trump signals his support following the mass demonstrations over the deaths of George Floyd and other black Americans.

Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, the sole African American Republican in the Senate, has been crafting the package set to roll out Wednesday. While it doesn't go as far as a sweeping Democratic bill heading toward a House vote, the emerging GOP legislation shares similar provisions as Congress rushes to respond.

With Trump set to announce

executive actions on law enforcement as soon as Tuesday, the crush of activity shows how quickly police violence and racial prejudice are transforming national party priorities.

"I think we're going to get to a bill that actually becomes law," Scott said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." Scott said the chokehold, in particular, "is a policy whose time has come and gone."

The GOP package is one of the most extensive proposed overhauls to policing procedures yet from Republicans, who have long aligned with Trump's "law and order" approach but are suddenly confronted with a groundswell of public unrest in cities large and small over police violence.

Over the weekend, the shooting death of Rayshard Brooks during a routine stop by a white officer

in Atlanta led to an outcry, more protests and the police chief's swift ouster.

The Republican bill would create a national database of police use-of-force incidents, encourage police body cameras and include a long-stalled effort to make lynching a federal hate crime.

Additionally, the GOP package is expected to restrict the use of chokeholds by withholding certain federal funds to jurisdictions that continue to allow the practice, according to a Senate Republican unauthorized to discuss the pending bill and granted anonymity.

Democrats have said the GOP package doesn't go far enough in the aftermath of Floyd's death and the outpouring of protests and Black Lives Matter demonstrations over the number of black Americans killed at the hands of law enforcement.



BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI, AFP, GETTY IMAGES/TNS

President Donald Trump holds a Bible outside of St. John's Episcopal church in Washington on June 1. The Secret Service now says it used pepper spray to disperse a crowd of protesters before Trump walked to the church.

toric St. John's Episcopal Church, damaged by arson in the preceding days, where he held a bible aloft. The footage was quickly incorporated into a campaign ad.

Also on hand were Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Both have disavowed or apologized for their part in the incident.

Debate has raged for almost two weeks about whether tear

gas or another noxious spray was used to clear the area, as seemed evident from television footage.

A spokesman for the U.S. Park Police said earlier in the month that it had been a mistake to deny the use of tear gas — after first saying that its officers used smoke and pepper agents but not "tear gas," a colloquial term used to describe a variety of irritating crowd-control agents, including pepper spray.

## Officer shot, paralyzed during Las Vegas rally

LAS VEGAS — A police officer who was shot in the head during a Las Vegas Strip protest of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis is paralyzed from the neck down, on a ventilator and unable to speak, his family said in a statement released by police.

Officer Shay Mikalonis, 29, was shot June 1 during protests over the death of Floyd at the hands of police. The family statement released on Twitter by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Saturday said he is expected to stay on the ventilator.

The family thanked doctors, nurses and staff at University Medical Center in Las Vegas for their care and the community for support and fundraising.

Prosecutors have charged a 20-year-old man with deliberately shooting Mikalonis during the protest, one of hundreds being held across the nation. A judge who reviewed evidence at a June 5 court hearing said that police video shows Edgar Samaniego "walking by, taking out a gun and firing ... at officers."

From The Associated Press



## VIRUS OUTBREAK

## Europe reopens, Beijing cases addressed

Associated Press

BERLIN — European countries re-opened their borders Monday after a three-month coronavirus shutdown, although international visitors are still being kept away and there was uncertainty over whether many Europeans will quickly embrace travel outside their home countries.

The virus is still far from being wiped out, and the need for constant vigilance came into sharp focus again as China, where COVID-19 first emerged last year, rushed to contain an outbreak in the capital of Beijing.

Germany and France dropped border checks nearly two weeks after Italy opened its frontiers. Greece welcomed visitors Monday with passengers on flights from other European countries not having to undergo compulsory coronavirus tests.

The European Union's 27 nations and a number of other European states aren't expected to start reopening to visitors from outside the Continent until at least the beginning of July and possibly later.

Spain put its tourism industry to the test Monday by allowing thousands of Germans to fly to its Balearic Islands without a 14-day quarantine. Officials said the pilot program will help authorities gauge what's needed to guard against possible virus flare-ups.

Martin Hofman was delighted to board a flight from Dusseldorf to the island of Mallorca because he said his vacation couldn't be postponed.



Andy Wong/AP

**Workers put on protective suits as they wait for people who live near Xinfadi wholesale food market to arrive to get a nucleic acid test at a stadium in Beijing on Sunday. China reported its highest daily total of coronavirus cases in two months after the market in the capital was shut down following a resurgence in local infections.**

"To stay in Germany was not an option for us," Hofman said. "We are totally happy that we can get out."

In Beijing, where an outbreak was traced to a wholesale market that supplies much of the city's meat and vegetables,

people lined up at hospitals and other facilities as authorities rushed to administer thousands of tests. Authorities confirmed 79 cases over four days in what looks to be the largest outbreak since China largely stopped its spread at home more than two

months ago.

Tests were being administered to workers at the Xinfadi market, anyone who had visited it in the past two weeks, or anyone who had come in contact with either group. The market is Beijing's largest wholesale food market, prompting inspections of fresh meat and seafood in the city and elsewhere in China.

China, where the pandemic began in December, had relaxed most of its anti-virus controls after the ruling Communist Party declared victory over the disease in March. The development refocused attention on the need to deal with fresh outbreaks that could appear anytime in unexpected places. Beijing suspended Monday's planned restart of some primary schools and reversed the relaxation of some social isolation measures.

Other countries are still battling major outbreaks. Even as Russian President Vladimir Putin said his country was emerging from the health crisis, authorities there reported the number of cases has increased by 8,246 in the last 24 hours to total 537,210. In Turkey, Health Minister Fahrettin Koca warned that the country is "moving away from the target" after the daily number of new infections rose above 1,500 within a 24-hour span following the relaxation of restrictions. India's home minister offered 500 train carriages Monday for use as makeshift hospital wards as New Delhi struggles to contain a spike in cases.

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## VIRUS OUTBREAK

## Grim blame game over deaths in nursing homes

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A grim blame game with partisan overtones is breaking out over COVID-19 deaths among nursing home residents, a tiny slice of the population that represents a shockingly high proportion of Americans who have perished in the pandemic.

The Trump administration has been pointing to a segment of the industry — facilities with low federal ratings for infection control — and to some Democratic governors who required nursing homes to take recovering coronavirus patients.

Homes that followed federal infection control guidelines were largely able to contain the virus, asserts Seema Verma, head of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS, which sets standards and pays the bills.

“Trying to finger-point and blame the federal government is absolutely ridiculous,” she said. Verma said that data collected by her agency suggest a con-



Emergency medical technicians transport a patient from a nursing home to an emergency room bed at St. Joseph's Hospital in Yonkers, N.Y.

nection between low ratings on safety inspections and COVID-19 outbreaks. But several academic researchers, however, have said

that their own work has found no such link. Advocates for the elderly have said that the federal government

hasn't provided needed virus testing and sufficient protective gear to allow nursing homes to operate safely. A White House

directive to test all residents and staff has been met with an uneven response.

“The lack of federal coordination has certainly impeded facilities' ability to identify infected persons and to provide care,” Eric Carlson, a long-term care expert with the advocacy group Justice in Aging, told lawmakers. “That absence remains important as facilities are attempting to open up, which requires an extensive reliance on testing.”

Democrats have been critical of the Trump administration response.

“We need action,” said Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa. “We need a plan from CMS and we need resources to stop the spread of COVID-19 in nursing homes.”

Nationwide, more than 45,500 residents and staff have died from coronavirus outbreaks at nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, according to a running count by The Associated Press. That's about 40% of more than 15,000 total deaths. Nursing home residents are less than 1% of the U.S. population.

## Health experts warn of risks at Trump's upcoming rally

The Washington Post

With President Donald Trump's rally in Tulsa, Okla., less than a week away, health experts warned that the indoor venue and potentially large crowd could help spread the coronavirus, putting attendees and others at risk.

“I'm concerned about the ability to protect anyone who attends a large, indoor event,” Bruce Dart, director of the Tulsa city and county health department, told the Tulsa World. “And I'm also concerned about our ability to ensure the president stays safe as well.”

The scheduled rally comes as new infections are trending upward in at least 21 states across the South and the West, prompting some governors to rethink reopening plans and renewing concerns that the country could

be a long way from containing the pandemic. Alabama, Oregon and South Carolina are among the states with the biggest increases.

Alabama saw a 92% increase in its seven-day average, while Oregon's seven-day average was up 83.8% and South Carolina's was up 60.3%.

Anthony Fauci, the top United States infectious-disease expert, warned that waves of infection could come “back and forth” for months.

Fauci said in an interview published Sunday that the coronavirus will linger in the country for months and that it will be about a year before things return to normal.

Fauci also told the British Telegraph newspaper that it will probably be months before travelers from Britain and the European

Union are allowed in the country, and the real end of the crisis will only come with the development of a vaccine.

“I would hope to get to some degree of real normality within a year or so. But I don't think it's this winter or fall, we'll be seeing it for a bit more,” he said, expecting the virus to go back and forth in the U.S. through a few cycles.

Fauci also noted that while the virus has been suppressed in major cities like New York, Chicago and New Orleans, cases are spreading elsewhere.

“We're seeing several states, as they try to reopen and get back to normal, starting to see early indications (that) infections are higher than previously,” he said.

This spread will probably mean that the bans on visitors from Britain, the European Union,

China and Brazil will remain in place for the time being.

“I don't think there's going to be an immediate pull back for those kinds of restrictions,” he said. “My feeling, looking at what's going on with the infection rate, I think it's more likely measured in months rather than weeks.”

But Fauci was optimistic about the development of the vaccine, with several good candidates under development, which could be ready by the end of the year.

“We have potential vaccines making significant progress. We have maybe four or five,” he said. “You can never guarantee success with a vaccine, that's foolish to do so, there's so many possibilities of things going wrong. (But) everything we have seen from early results, it's conceivable we get two or three vaccines that are

successful.”

The indoor venues and large crowds anticipated for Trump's rally Saturday in Tulsa and the Republican National Convention in August could help spread the coronavirus, putting attendees and others at risk, infectious disease expert Michael T. Osterholm told Fox News.

Osterholm, director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota, said in an interview with Chris Wallace on “Fox News Sunday” that chanting and shouting can help aerosolize the virus, exposing the thousands expected to attend both events.

“Would I want my loved ones in a setting like that? Absolutely not,” Osterholm said. “And it wouldn't matter about politics, I wouldn't want them there.”

## Months into pandemic, accuracy still unknown for many tests rushed out

By MATTHEW PERRONE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — How accurate are the coronavirus tests used in the United States?

Months into the outbreak, no one really knows how well many of the screening tests work, and experts at top medical centers say that it is time to do the studies to find out.

When the virus began spreading, the Food and Drug Administration used its emergency powers to OK scores of quickly devised tests, based mainly on a small number of lab studies showing that they could successfully detect the virus.

It's very different from the large patient studies that can take weeks or months, which experts have said are needed to provide a much more accurate sense of testing accuracy.

The FDA's speedy response came after it was initially criticized for delaying the launch of new tests during a crisis and after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention likewise stumbled in getting its own test out to states.

But with the U.S. outbreak nearly certain to stretch on for months or even years, some experts want the FDA to demand better evidence of the tests' accuracy so that doctors know how many in-

fections might be missed.

There have been more than 2 million confirmed coronavirus cases in the U.S. and more than 115,000 deaths, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. Cases in nearly half of U.S. states are rising.

In recent weeks, preliminary findings have flagged potential problems with some COVID-19 tests, including one used daily at the White House. Faulty tests could leave many thousands of Americans with the incorrect assumption that they are virus-free, contributing to new flare-ups of the disease as communities reopen.

“In the beginning, the FDA

was under a lot of pressure to get these tests onto the marketplace,” said Dr. Steven Woloshin of Dartmouth College, who wrote about the issue in the New England Journal of Medicine last week. “But now that there are plenty of tests out there, it's time for them to raise the bar.”

The FDA said in a statement that it has already asked multiple test makers to do follow-up accuracy studies, although it didn't say for how many of the more than 110 authorized screening tests. The agency also said that it is tracking reports of problems. Accuracy has also been an issue with blood tests that look for signs of past infections.

No screening test is 100% accurate. So details on accuracy are routinely provided for tests of all types, including seasonal flu, hepatitis, HIV and cancers. For example, rapid flu tests are known to miss 20% or more of all cases, a factor doctors weigh when treating patients who have symptoms but test negative.

For now, most COVID-19 tests in the U.S. don't give data on real-world performance, including how often the tests falsely clear patients of infection or falsely detect the virus. That information is lacking for all but a few of the roughly 80 commercial screening tests available, according to an Associated Press review.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Cicadas make great snack for zoo animals

**IL** BROOKFIELD — The early emergence of cicadas in Illinois provided animals at the Brookfield Zoo a rare treat.

Officials at the zoo west of Chicago said the red-eyed cicadas make for a nutritious snack that's high in protein and low in fat.

Animal care staff provided cicadas to white-throated monitor lizards, meerkats, golden-lion tamarins and the owl-like tawny frogmouth. Sloth bears also got a share, frozen in ice.

Brookfield Zoo officials said some of the animals were shy about approaching the cicadas and watched the insects before eating them.

## Train derails, spilling hazardous chemical

**OK** WYNNEWOOD — Dozens of residents of a small Oklahoma city were temporarily evacuated after a train derailed and spilled a hazardous chemical, officials said.

The train went off the tracks in Wynnewood, a community about 65 miles south of Oklahoma City, according to BNSF Railway spokeswoman Amy Casas. No one was hurt in the derailment, she said.

Two of the 11 derailed cars began leaking sodium hydrosulfide onto railway property, leading the local fire department to order nearby residents to evacuate, Casas said. The chemical compound is toxic, flammable and potentially combustible. Casas said the derailment wasn't near any waterways, but she didn't know how much of the chemical had spilled.

## Crews clear snow drift in Glacier National Park

**MT** KALISPELL — Glacier National Park plow crews reached Logan Pass and have started clearing the Big Drift, an area in northern Montana where massive amounts of winter snow blanket a scenic highway, officials said.

The seasonal drift is one of the biggest proving challenges for crews as it buries a stretch of Going-to-the-Sun Road under up to 80 feet of snow blocking access, the Daily Inter Lake reported.

Hikers and bikers can go as far up the road as they would like on weekends, and after road crews leave for the day, but officials have warned of falling rock and avalanche danger.

## Police: Man accused of bogus robbery report

**ND** WEST FARGO — Authorities arrested a 29-year-old Fargo man after police determined that a reported armed robbery at a West Fargo sandwich shop never happened.

Cameron Starr was charged with conspiracy to commit theft at Jimmy John's. Charges have not been filed against the person who reported the crime.

West Fargo police were told a man with a handgun demanded



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## Keeping history afloat

The Floyd family of Elberfeld, Ind., from left, Denise; Colin, 10; Aidan, 5, and Jason, watch the restored World War II naval vessel cruise along the Ohio River to its new home port across from the Tropicana casino in downtown Evansville, Ind.. The LST 325 took part in the 1944 D-Day landings in France and has been based in Evansville since 2005.

money and got away with cash from the safe. Authorities have not said whether either person worked at the shop.

Starr is also charged with driving under suspension.

## Man sentenced for impersonating marshal

**NM** LAS CRUCES — A Las Cruces man was sentenced to over eight months in prison for impersonating a deputy U.S. marshal.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for New Mexico said Aaron Tyler Stroud's sentence includes credit for time already served and also requires a two-year period of supervised release after he's out of prison.

According to the office, Stroud, 39, claimed to be an officer of the U.S. Marshals Service when he approached a Las Cruces police officer who was responding to a Sept. 29 report of domestic violence.

Stroud was wearing a shirt with "U.S. Marshal" printed on it, carried a radio, a false badge and a holstered gun and said he routinely patrolled the area, the office said.

## Most wanted suspect arrested year later

**MS** PASCAGOULA — One of Tennessee's most wanted suspects was arrested

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\$1.8 million fine. The number was increased because of additional sewage spills since then. Environmental officials said the 211.6 million gallons that leaked from December 2019 to February of this year is the largest sewage spill on record in Florida. City officials said they have a plan to shore up the sewage system.

ed in Mississippi after nearly a year on the run in a murder case.

Delarrious Dewayne Crawford was taken into custody by the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Regional Task Force, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation said on Facebook. He was arrested in Moss Point in connection with the June 2019 shooting of Daicori Sanders, 25, in Tennessee, news outlets reported.

Crawford, 29, has been booked into Jackson County Adult Detention Center pending extradition to Tennessee on a murder charge.

## Workers hurt when scaffolding gives way

**IL** WHEELING — Two workers were critically injured when scaffolding they were on gave way inside a water tower in suburban Chicago.

Crews were sandblasting and painting the inside of the water tower in Wheeling when the scaffolding fell, according to the Daily

Herald.

One of the victims fell 60 to 80 feet, Wheeling Fire Chief Mike McGreal said.

Ropes and harnesses were used to help remove both victims. Both were taken to a hospital.

"It's a very tricky operation because the tank is empty of water," McGreal said. "There are a series of manhole-size openings, so they actually had to lift the patients up to lower the patients (to the ground) so it was a pretty technical rescue."

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## Alligator dies after being caught in trap

**KS** MANHATTAN — An alligator that was recently spotted near a Kansas creek has died after being caught in trap.

The 5-foot alligator is believed to be one of two stolen from a pet store in the northeastern Kansas city of Manhattan earlier this month. The pet store, Manhattan

Reptile World, said the alligator drowned after getting caught in the trap that was set out for the animal.

The second alligator that was taken from the pet store has yet to be found. Authorities have said they don't know whether the other alligator stolen on June 5 is also on the loose.

The alligator that died was trapped in the area of Wildcat Creek in Manhattan.

## Cops, EMT, fishermen rescue man from car

**NJ** ATLANTIC CITY — Police said an unconscious driver trapped in a burning car after a crash in New Jersey was rescued by two fishermen, two officers and an emergency medical technician.

Atlantic City police said officers responded to the two-car crash on Route 30. Police said two officers arrived to find one vehicle engulfed in flames and a 29-year-old Atlantic City man unconscious in the driver's seat.

Two fishermen tried to rescue him but were prevented from doing so by the flames, but they did manage to cut his seat belt which police said "was instrumental to the driver's rescue." The two officers and an emergency medical technician were able to remove the man from the car and pull him to safety.

From wire reports



## NATION

# Millions of jobs could be lost permanently

By OLIVIA ROCKEMAN  
AND JILL WARD  
Bloomberg

William Lovely used to work at Jason's Deli in Virginia Beach, delivering catering orders to surrounding businesses. Now, thanks to the coronavirus, he's struggling to pay his bills.

Laid off in March, he's gone from regular hours and pay to gigging for UberEats or Instacart, earning up to \$100 on some days but often coming home with almost nothing. While the restaurant is trying to slowly reopen, Lovely, 20, reckons the best he can hope for is a part-time position, requiring him to keep his second job if he's going to meet his expenses.

"My job stopped, but the bills don't," he said.

Lovely's experience goes to the heart of the dilemma facing the world economy as it gradually emerges from the virus-enforced lockdown and unprecedented recession: How many of the millions of lost jobs are gone for good?

The hope is the waves of stimulus doled out by governments and central banks should eventually buoy economies and spark a revival in hiring. Furloughed or redundant workers would then return to their employers.

The risk, though, is that the pandemic is inflicting a "reallocation shock" in which firms and even entire sectors suffer lasting damage. Lost jobs don't come back and unemployment stays elevated. That would force workers to retrain or relocate, both

## Extra jobless payments will end as planned in July

By YUEQI YANG  
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Bloomberg News

The \$600-a-week bonus payments made to some Americans laid off during the coronavirus pandemic will end as planned in July, said White House economic director Larry Kudlow.

Congress in March approved the extra

money on top of state unemployment payments as part of its coronavirus relief efforts.

In some cases, the top-up payments plus regular unemployment checks add up to more than workers had earned at their jobs, creating a "disincentive" to return to work, Kudlow said on CNN's "State of the Union."

"We are on our way, we are reopen-

ing, and businesses are coming back, and therefore jobs are coming back, and we don't want to interfere with that process," he said. "At the margins, incentives do matter."

President Donald Trump is looking at a measure that would be a bonus to return to work, Kudlow said, without offering specifics.

of which are hard, and governments to do more than just try to spend their way out of trouble.

It was a theme hit upon last week by Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell as U.S. central bankers forecast leaving interest rates near zero until 2022 in part because of a surge in unemployment to the highest level since the Great Depression.

There will be "well into the millions of people who don't get to go back to their old job," said Powell, who will testify to Congress on the economic outlook this week. "In fact, there may not be a job in that industry for them some time."

Unfortunately, new research by Bloomberg Economics reckons 30% of U.S. job losses from February to May are the result of a reallocation shock. The analysis — based on the relationship between hiring, firing, openings and unemployment

— suggests the labor market will initially recover swiftly, but then level off with millions still unemployed.

Jobs in the hospitality industry — like Lovely's — are among the most at risk, alongside retail, leisure, education and health. In many cases, the pandemic will increase the challenge for brick-and-mortar companies facing off against e-commerce platforms such as Amazon.com. Inc., accelerating the pre-crisis trend.

Financial markets are already pricing in the risk, according to the Bloomberg economists. Equity market returns across different sectors and for companies of varying sizes suggests investors are betting on a shift in profits between firms similar to that witnessed after the global financial crisis of 2008. Lost profits spells lost jobs.

Other studies carry similar warnings.

Research published in May by the Becker Friedman Institute at the University of Chicago estimated 42% of recent layoffs in the U.S. will be permanent.

A major worry is that as temporary job losses become permanent, skills are lost and higher unemployment becomes entrenched — a concept economists refer to as hysteresis.

Amid that backdrop, labor market experts says measures shouldn't stop at improving safety nets, but must also ensure people have the right skills. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development last week called for public investment in training for those laid off.

Part of that is about getting workers ready for the next phase of the technology revolution and any upheaval that comes with it.

## Fla. marks Trump's birthday with parades

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Trump supporters in Florida celebrated the president's birthday Sunday with caravans, flotillas and parades throughout his adopted homestate.

In Palm Beach County — home of President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort — separate caravans of trucks, motorcycles and boats were riding along highways and the intercoastal waterway at various times in the morning. The organizers were part of the president's Florida reelection effort.

The Palm Beach Post reports that an anti-Trump caravan also was riding through the county Sunday to protest racism and call for police reforms.

Pro-Trump flotillas also were planned for Fort Lauderdale,

Miami, the Florida Keys, Tampa, Pensacola and Jacksonville — where Trump is slated to be renominated for a second term at the end of August.

In The Villages, a massive Republican-friendly retirement community northwest of Orlando where golf carts are the vehicles of choice for many residents, Trump supporters were holding a golf-cart parade in honor of the president, who turned 74.

Speaking to West Point graduates on Saturday, Trump said his birthday coincided with the 245th anniversary of the U.S. Army's founding.

"Unrelated, going to be my birthday also," Trump said. "I don't know if that happened by accident. Did that happen by accident, please? But it's a great day because of that Army birthday."



JIM RASSOL, THE PALM BEACH (FLA.) POST/AP

Supporters of President Donald Trump celebrate his birthday with a boat gathering at Lake Boca Raton in Boca Raton, Fla., on Sunday.



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## WORLD

# S. Korea leader calls on North to return to talks

By HYUNG-JIN KIM  
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's president called on North Korea to stop raising animosities and return to talks, saying Monday that the rivals must not reverse the peace deals which he and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un reached during 2018 summits.

President Moon Jae-in's efforts to defuse rising animosities came after North Korea threatened Friday to destroy an inter-Korean liaison office located in North Korea and take unspecified military steps against South Korea.

If North Korea were to take such actions, it would be a serious setback to Moon's efforts toward Korean reconciliation and finding a negotiated solution to the

ongoing North Korean nuclear issue.

"North Korea must not sever communications and create tensions to turn back the clock to a past confrontational period," Moon said during a meeting with top presidential advisers, according to his office. "We must not push back the pledges of peace that Chairman Kim Jong Un and I made."

Moon, a liberal who met Kim three times in 2018, was a driving force behind now-dormant diplomatic efforts between Pyongyang and Washington, including the summit between Kim and President Donald Trump in Singapore in 2018.

North Korea has recently unleashed a slew of harsh rhetoric against South Korea, accusing it of failing to prevent activists



APR. YOUNG-JOON/AP

**Korean War veterans from South Korea pay tribute during a ceremony to unveil an installation artwork to commemorate the upcoming 70th anniversary of the Korean War in Seoul, South Korea, on Monday.**

from launching propaganda leaflets across their border. In an apparent bid to soothe North Korea, Moon's government vowed to ban civilian leafletting campaigns. North Korea has said that the South Korean response lacks sincerity.

Some observers have said that North Korea has grown increasingly frustrated because Seoul has failed to break away from Washington and revive stalled joint economic projects held back by United States-led sanctions.

They have also speculated that North Korea initially thought Moon would help it win badly-needed sanctions relief, but got upset after Kim returned home empty-handed from the 2019 summit with Trump.

Moon said that the two Koreas must take the initiative in finding a breakthrough, calling the nations "the masters of the destiny for the Korean Peninsula." He said that his government will keep striving to promote dialogue with North Korea.

## Israel OKs settlement named after Trump

JERUSALEM — An Israeli cabinet minister Sunday said the government approved plans to build a settlement in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights named after President Donald Trump.

Settlements Minister Tzipi Hotovely said her ministry will start preparations for Ramat Trump — Hebrew for "Trump Heights" — to house 300 families.

The government's approval of the plan advances a project announced by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last year.

## American sentenced in Russia for espionage

MOSCOW — A Russian court Monday sentenced an American businessman to 16 years in prison on spying charges, a sentence that he and his brother rejected as being political.

The Moscow City Court read the conviction of Paul Whelan on charges of espionage and sent him to a maximum security prison.

Whelan, 50, a corporate security executive and Marine Corps veteran from Novi, Mich., was arrested in Moscow in December 2018. He has insisted on his innocence, saying he was set up.

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## FACES

Lady Antebellum changed its name last week, but didn't check first with the original

# Lady A

By CHRISTI CARRAS  
Los Angeles Times

A quick Google search for "Lady A songs" brings up pages and pages of results for the country trio formerly known as Lady Antebellum. That's a problem for those trying to find the original Lady A—a veteran blues singer who's been performing under that name for decades.

In a recent interview with Rolling Stone, 61-year-old Seattle artist Anita White slammed the Grammy-winning group for adopting the new moniker without consulting her first. Lady Antebellum changed its name to Lady A on June 11 in an effort to dissociate itself from the racist history of the pre-Civil War era.

The decision was made as white Americans are having more conversations about racism after the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and other victims of racial violence. Many entertainers have used their platforms in recent weeks to support the Black Lives Matter movement as protests continue to take place worldwide.

"Lady A is my brand. I've used it for over 20 years, and I'm proud of what I've done," White told Rolling Stone. "This is too much right now. They're using the name because of a Black Lives Matter incident that, for them, is just a moment in time. If it mattered, it would have mattered to them before. It shouldn't have taken George Floyd to die for them to realize that their name had a slave reference to it."

"It's an opportunity for them to pretend they're not racist or pretend this means something to them," she added. "If it did, they would've done some research. And I'm not happy about that. You found me on Spotify easily—why couldn't they?"

She told the magazine that she plans to speak with a lawyer to discuss options regarding her



business trademark for Lady A LLC.

Representatives for the country group Lady A did not immediately respond to the Los Angeles Times' request for comment.

In an open letter to fans on June 11, the trio explained its decision to rebrand—as well as how it landed on the word "antebellum" in the first place.

"When we set out together almost 14 years ago, we named our band after the Southern 'antebellum'-style home where we took our first photos," the group wrote in a message posted on social media. "As musicians, it reminded us of all the music born in the South that influenced us."

"But we are regretful and embarrassed to say that we did not take into account the associations that weigh down this word," the trio continued, acknowledging the central role of slavery during the period.

White, who has written songs about racial injustice and lyrics about Floyd, also criticized the "Need You Now" hit-makers for claiming the same name as a black performer while speaking out against racism.

Since getting her musical start at church and karaoke nights, White has released multiple albums under the name Lady A. Her latest album, "Lady A: Live in New Orleans," is scheduled to drop on her birthday, July 18.

"I don't know if (the new Lady A) are going to give me a cease-and-desist. I don't know how they'd react. But I'm not about to stop using my name," she told Rolling Stone. "For them to not even reach out is pure privilege. I'm not going to lay down and let this happen to me. But now the burden of proof is on me to prove that my name is in fact mine, and I don't even know how much I'll have to spend to keep it."



Dave Haywood, Hillary Scott and Charles Kelley, shown at the 2019 CMA Awards in Nashville, announced June 11 they were changing their band's name to Lady A. However, blues singer Anita White has been producing music under that name for decades. Top: White's 2018 album cover.

## Academy Awards lock best picture noms at 10

From wire reports

The Oscars are implementing some big changes, including a set number of best picture nominees and to-be-determined representation and inclusion standards for eligibility.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced June 12 that there will be 10 best picture nominees beginning with the 94th Academy Awards in 2022. The organization is also planning to implement new eligibility requirements with an eye toward diversity in collaboration with the Producers Guild of America that will be finalized by the end of July.

Neither change will impact the 93rd Academy Awards set to be held in Los Angeles on Feb. 28, 2021, because it is already deep into the eligibility calendar.

The organization that puts on the Oscars is also committing to a new phase of diversity and inclusion initiatives, which it calls Academy Aperture 2025. The first phase, which ended this year, was in response to the #OscarsSoWhite criticisms.

Academy President David Rubin said that the organization had surpassed the goal to double the number of women and diverse members by 2020. Since 2015, overall female membership has grown from 25% to 32%, the academy said. Overall membership of people of color has doubled, from 8% to 16%.

The academy also said that it is continuing efforts to increase diversity in its membership ranks. The new class will be announced in July.

### Drake tops BET nods; show to air on CBS

Drake is the leading nominee at the 2020 BET Awards, which will celebrate its 20th anniversary later this month.

BET announced Monday that Drake is nominated for six honors, including video of the year and best male hip-hop artist. For both best collaboration and the viewer's choice award, Drake is nominated twice for hits "No Guidance" with Chris Brown and "Life Is Good" with Future.

The 2020 BET Awards, which will be a virtual celebration because of the coronavirus pandemic, will air live on June 28 across ViacomCBS networks, including CBS for the first time.

Breakthrough rappers Megan Thee Stallion and Roddy Ricch follow Drake with five nominations each. Megan Thee Stallion, who recently topped the Billboard Hot 100 chart with her Beyoncé-assisted "Savage" remix, is nominated for video of the year, best female hip-hop artist, best collaboration, the viewer's choice award and album of the year for "Fever."

Ricch, who won his first Grammy Award this year, also topped the pop charts with his upbeat hit "The Box." The video for that song is nominated for video of the year alongside DaBaby's "Bop,"

DJ Khaled, Nipsey Hussle and John Legend's "Higher." DeJa Cat's "Say So," Megan Thee Stallion's "Hot Girl Summer" and Chris Brown and Drake's "No Guidance."

Beyoncé, Minaj, Brown, Lizzo and DaBaby earned four nominations each.

### Carlie, Howard lead Americana Award noms

Singer songwriter Brandi Carlie's productive year has led her to be the leading nominee at the Americana Honors and Awards for her roles as a solo artist, a member of the group The Highwomen, as a producer and as a songwriter.

In the nominations announced Monday for its September awards show, the Grammy-winning artist has a total of seven nominations, including artist of the year as a solo artist and duo/group of the year with The Highwomen, which includes Maren Morris, Amanda Shires and Natalie Hemby. Rocker Brittany Howard, who has won Grammys with her band Alabama Shakes, is up for five nominations, including artist of the year and album of the year for her solo album "Jaiame."

John Prine, who died in April of COVID-19 complications, is nominated as artist of the year again, after having won it in 2018. Also nominated as artist of the year were Tanya Tucker and Yola.

The winners will be announced Sept. 16 in Nashville.

### 'Tenet' theatrical release set for late July

The closely watched arrival of Christopher Nolan's big-budget sci-fi espionage film "Tenet" will finally happen on July 31, Warner Bros. announced. The studio said it would delay the release by two weeks and instead re-issue Nolan's 2010 sci-fi blockbuster "Inception" in mid-July.

The release date for "Tenet" has been closely watched in all corners of the film industry, which has faced shuttered theaters due to the coronavirus since mid-March. Movie theaters plan to reopen in July for a vastly different summer season than the one the industry had planned.

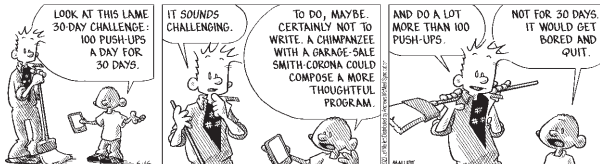
Warner Bros. also announced June 12 that "Wonder Woman 1984," a sequel to its 2017 hit, would shift from an August release to Oct. 2.

### Other news

■ Popular Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan, 44, was found dead at his Mumbai residence on Sunday, police and Indian media reports said. Rajput made his Bollywood debut in 2013 with director Abhishek Kapoor in "Kai Po Che." Rajput played former Indian cricket team captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni in the 2016 film "M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story." He was last seen in the 2019 Netflix film "Drive."



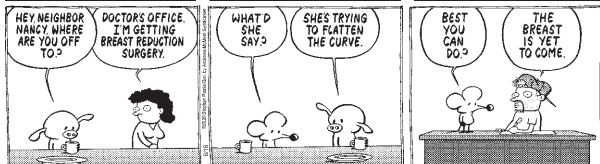
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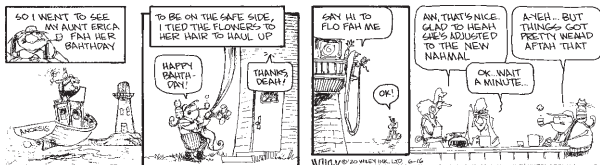
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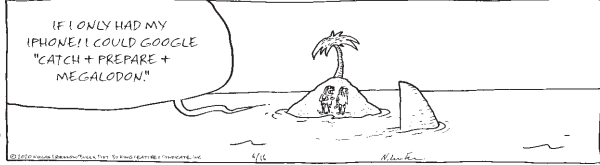
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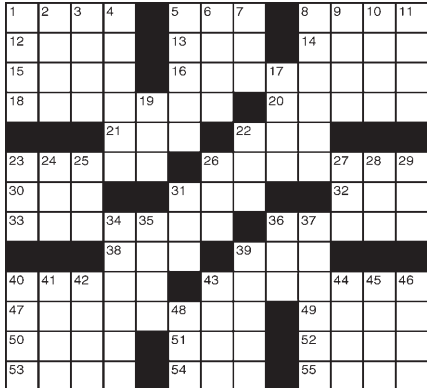
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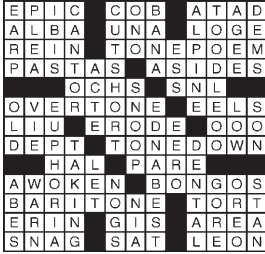
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- Turkey cooking gadgets
- Weaving art
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## OPINION

## Mental illness is a health issue, not a police issue

**BY PETE EARLEY**  
*Special to The Washington Post*

Americans with mental illnesses make up nearly a quarter of those killed by police officers, according to The Washington Post's Fatal Force database. Meanwhile, a cumulative list shows 115 police officers have been killed since the 1970s by individuals with untreated serious mental illnesses.

Forty percent of adults with serious mental illnesses will come into contact with the criminal justice system during their lives. Each year, 2 million of them are booked into jails. Most are charged with minor misdemeanor crimes and low-level felonies directly tied to their psychiatric illnesses. Jails and prisons currently hold more people with serious mental illnesses — 365,000 individuals — than hospitals. They remain in jail four to eight times longer than people without mental illnesses charged with the exact same crime, cost seven times more than other inmates in jail, are less likely to make bail and more likely to gain new charges while incarcerated.

There have been calls for change long before George Floyd's death — often by police themselves. As Ron Bruno, a veteran officer who helps lead a group, CIT International, that teaches police and communities how to better interact with individuals in a mental health crisis, has said: "We have to challenge the belief that mental health crisis services must come in a police car."

Several communities have moved to reduce police involvement by creating

systems that attempt to minimize law enforcement. The "Air Traffic Controller Approach" uses a designated suicide prevention and crisis line separate from 911 for mental health emergencies. Bruno notes that 80% or more of 911 calls don't require a police response. It's likely many mental health-related calls could be triaged by phone, too.

"Controllers" can schedule appointments with therapists and social workers if needed. They can also dispatch a mobile crisis response team to resolve more immediate situations. Those teams include a mental health worker, a police officer, and a paramedic who recovered from a mental illness crisis—who are skilled at defusing emergencies. Only in the most extreme incidents are police needed. If someone requires hospitalization, they are not taken to an emergency room but to a psychiatric hospital or crisis care facility operated by mental health department separate from the police. These facilities can arrange for mental-health crisis care beds until a client is stabilized and extend a "warm handoff" of clients to community services that provide housing, employment, and other services, peer support and continued mental and physical care. All are needed.

Unfortunately, few mental health programs such as these are adequately funded or readily available, which is where the “defunding police” movement comes in. The National Alliance on Mental Illness reports that the average cost of jailing someone with a serious mental illness is \$31,000 per year, compared to the \$10,000 annual cost of providing community help. It’s estimated that \$918 million was spent by law enforcement in 2017 simply on transporting people with severe mental illnesses for evaluation and care.

Cooperation between law enforcement, courts and social service agencies

in Miami-Dade County, Fla., resulted in 4,000 inmates with mental illness moving from jail into community-based treatment and support services. The county closed a jail facility, saving \$12 million a year.

To reduce police interactions, we must rethink our involuntary commitment criteria that demands an individual pose an immediate danger to themselves or others before intervention. Australia, long considered a leader in mental health care, gives weight to "deterioration of mental state." Victoria's Mental Health Act permits an assessing clinician to involuntarily admit someone into care if it is likely that person will experience deterioration unless treatment is provided. England and France have similar "need for treatment" laws that include safeguards such as timely hearings and the right to call witnesses but do not necessarily demand dangerous behavior.

Because involuntary commitment is a civil rights issue, our legal system can never be separated completely, nor should it be, from mental health crises. Our reliance on law enforcement, however, prevents us from knowing how many Americans would be in jail today if not for treatment if we had robust and welcoming mental health services available from the onset of an episode. As the father of an adult son with a serious mental illness — who is doing well now but also has been arrested and shot twice by police with a stun gun — I have spoken to hundreds of law enforcement officers over the past decade. No organization will readily give up funding, but I suspect mental health enforcement officials will select more an opportunity to stop being the first responders when someone is in a mental health crisis.

Pete Earley is the parent designee on the Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee, which advises the federal government about mental health reform.

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**A**mong modern first ladies, none has been such an enigma as Melania Trump.

**I**n a largely ornamental presence in public, she speaks so rarely — and says so little when she does — that people across the political spectrum have been left to make their own interpretation of the Meaning of Melania.

Was that swat when her husband reached out to hold her hand in Tel Aviv a sign of trouble in the marriage? The glower during his inaugural address a repudiation of what he was saying? Does she feel trapped in a White House where she and the president appear to be leading separate lives under a single roof?

A whole "free Melania" genre of humor has grown up in Democratic circles and among late-night comedians.

But a new, impressively reported book by my Washington Post colleague Mary Jordan has pulled back the veil. It reveals the first lady to be a power player in her own right, one driven by a very clear sense of her own self-interest.

"The Art of Her Deal," which will be released Tuesday, has already made headlines with its revelation that the first lady delayed her move to Washington after her husband became president to gain more leverage in renegotiating the couple's prenuptial agreement. Among her concerns was assuring that her young son Barron would be treated equitably with the other Trump children when it comes time to be assigned a role in the family business and eventually collect his inheritance.

her stepdaughter Ivanka, who takes a far higher public profile, who flaunts her influence and who, Jordan reports, at one point proposed that the "First Lady's Office" be renamed the "First Family Office." Melania nixed that idea.

But the most significant insight to be gained from reading "The Art of Her Deal" is Jordan's discovery of how much alike the first lady and her husband are in character and priorities, despite their vastly different styles and temperament. This, perhaps, explains why Donald Trump's third marriage has outlasted his previous two.

"She is seen as the good-hearted princess who needs to be saved from her rapacious and bullying husband, the vulnerable immigrant swept up in his presidential ambitions who cried the night he was elected, the vapid and shallow model with nothing much to say about the world, the lucky beauty who just happened to be in the right place at the right time," Jordan writes. "Yet she is none of those things."

Much like her husband, Melania Trump has airbrushed her past and exaggerated her achievements. She has claimed that she graduated from design school and earned a bachelor's degree in architecture. In fact, she dropped out of college after her first year to pursue modeling. Her respectably successful career in that field has also been inflated, with claims that she was a "supermodel."

As President Trump does, Melania demands iron loyalty, but it is a one-way street. Jordan's book is filled with stories of people who helped her along the way, only to never hear from her again after they were no longer useful.

to speak five languages. Melania knows a few words in Italian and French — including “bonjour” and “ciao” — but has never demonstrated fluency in any language but English and her native Slovene.

Chief among the misperceptions about Melania, it would appear, is that she has much interest in putting a brake on her husband's more objectionable impulses. There have been rare instances in which she has expressed a view at odds with his — including when she criticized the administration's policy of separating migrant children from their parents at the border and, more recently, when she advocated wearing masks during the COVID-19 epidemic.

But by and large, her “Be Best” campaign does not appear to apply to the Trump household. In 2011, Melania fueled Trump’s racist lies about Barack Obama’s birthplace, and claimed – falsely – that Obama had not produced a birth certificate. “It’s not only Donald who wants to see it,” she said. “It’s American people, who voted for him, and who didn’t vote for him, they want to see that!”

She also rose to her husband's defense after the release of the infamous "Access Hollywood" tape shortly before the 2016 election, and attacked the credibility of the women who accused him of sexual misconduct. Had she not stepped up at that delicate moment, his chances of winning might have been nil.

"Melania has struck a complicated deal with a complicated man and taken on a complicated job," Jordan concludes. No, she doesn't want to be "free."

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# Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons



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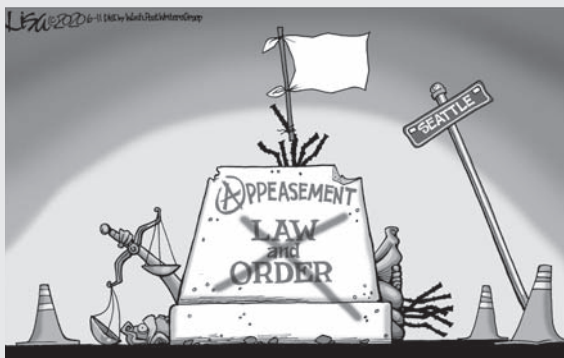
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## NASCAR ATTEMPTS TO ERASE HISTORY WITH CONFEDERATE FLAG BAN



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## OLYMPICS/SOCCER

## Athletes want input on USOPC protest ideas

By EDDIE PELS  
Associated Press

DENVER — The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee is open to challenging IOC rules restricting protests at the Olympics.

At the same time, some of the very athletes the federation is trying to help are angered that they have been kept out of the loop in key decisions.

The federation, in response to the nationwide protests following George Floyd's killing, said it "stands with those who demand equality." After that, CEO Sarah Hirshland announced the formation of an athletes' working group that will, among other things, look into changing the IOC's longstanding rule banning political protests on Olympic medals stands.

But Hirshland's first show of support for the athletes was immediately panned by Gwen Berry, the African American hammer thrower who drew a 12-month probation from the USOPC after she raised her fist on the medals stand last summer at the Pan American Games.

And Hirshland's second move was criticized because of frayed communications between the federation and its own athletes' advisory council. The AAC is supposed to represent all U.S. Olympic athletes and has long struggled for an equal spot in the decision-making process.

"I don't think these are bad ideas," said U.S. Track and Field CEO Max Siegel, who, as leader of the sport that places the majority of African Americans on the U.S. Olympic team, has been facilitating discussions between athletes and the USOPC. "But the fact of the matter is that ... the stakeholders you're trying to help, they want to be involved in the process, too."

Berry's complaint, in short, was that if the USOPC really stood with black athletes, it never would have sanctioned her.

She and Hirshland have spoken in what both have described as a productive conversation. But Berry isn't completely satisfied. In an open letter shortly after their talk decrying the realities of the billion-dollar business of the Olympics, she wrote: "What I object to is any pretense that the athletes, and their rights, come first."

At about the same time Berry and Hirshland spoke, the CEO also listened to athletes in two town-hall-style video meetings. Spurred by the feedback, Hirshland announced the USOPC was forming an



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**Gwen Berry of the United States won the 2019 gold medal in the women's hammer throw at the Pan American Games in Lima, Peru. The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee is signaling a willingness to challenge longstanding IOC rules restricting protests at the Olympics, while also facing backlash from some of its own athletes for moves viewed by some as not being driven by sufficient athlete input.**

athletes group to "challenge the rules and systems in our own organization that create barriers to progress" on racial issues. It would also, she said, advocate for global change.

But that announcement came before a full consultation with the advisory council. The chain of events frustrated the leaders of the athletes' group.

"While there was a breakdown in communication last week with the USOPC, we must all focus on the larger task at hand: addressing life-threatening racial injustice," said Cody Matten, the AAC's first vice chair.

Hirshland conceded, "I'll be first to readily acknowledge that communication is always something that can be readily improved and we continue to work on it."

After the announcement, another AAC member, gold-medal sprinter Moushaumi Robinson, was given a leading role and the AAC was assured it will be the main driver of the group.

Hirshland said the group will not only be focusing on the protest restrictions — codified in the IOC charter under "Rule 50" — but will also have a "much broader conversation about racism, and doing things

that create a barrier to racism."

A recasting of Rule 50 could be the sort of game-changing move that many athletes have sought since 1968, when sprinters John Carlos and Tommie Smith were sent home from the Mexico City Olympics for their indelible raised-fist salute on the medals stand.

The USOPC brings more athletes and more money to the IOC than any country. It has been reluctant to leverage its power since the departure of chairman Peter Ueberroth in 2008. It was Ueberroth who famously asked the rhetorical question: "Who pays the bill for the world Olympic movement? Make no mistake about it. Starting in 1988, U.S. corporations have paid 60% of all the money, period. Be sure you all understand that."

But with sports leagues around the world reacting to the growing outrage over Floyd's death — the NFL on Thursday said it was committing \$250 million to social justice initiatives — eyes are pointed toward the Olympic movement, which has been historically slow to change.

"We call on the IOC and (International Paralympic Committee) to end this hypocrisy, stand by their athletes and abolish Rule

50," the athletes' advocacy group Global Athlete said in a statement this weekend. "Athletes will no longer be silenced."

Shortly after the USOPC's announcements of the past weeks, IOC President Thomas Bach said the committee's own athlete group would "explore different ways" opinions could be expressed during the Games, while still "respecting the Olympic spirit."

Hirshland describes the push in the U.S. for more racial sensitivity in the Olympic world not as a power play with the IOC but as an "obligation of leadership" that has to be conducted "in the spirit of humility, partnership and collaboration and open and honest dialogue."

The USOPC's role would, of course, be strengthened by a unified voice from athletes who are diverse not only in race and background but also in their opinions.

Despite some differences, Siegel said there has been little argument among athletes over their feelings about the protest rule.

"During the conversations, I think what's become crystal clear is that the very nature of Rule 50 embodies systemic racism," he said. "Whether or not you understand what they're trying to achieve with the rule, the rule itself is put in place to kind of restrict expression."



Associated Press

**U.S. athletes Tommie Smith, center, and John Carlos stare downward during the playing of national anthem after Smith received the gold and Carlos the bronze for the 200-meter run at the 1968 Summer Olympic Games in Mexico City.**

## FIFA urges 'tolerance' after Trump's kneeling rebuke

By ROB HARRIS  
Associated Press

FIFA appealed Monday for "tolerance, mutual respect and common sense" after President Donald Trump denounced the annulment of a policy that required soccer players to stand during the national anthem.

"I won't be watching much anymore," Trump tweeted Saturday. Trump retweeted a tweet by Florida Republican Rep. Matt Gaetz, who wrote: "I'd rather the

**'I won't be watching much anymore.'**

**President Donald Trump**

On the annulment of a policy requiring players to stand during the anthem

US not have a soccer team than have a soccer team that won't stand for the National Anthem."

It was United States captain Megan Rapinoe kneeling in support of Colin Kaepernick that led to the U.S. Soccer Federation adopting the rule in 2017. It was

annulled last week after American soccer leaders acknowledged a change in sentiment among the public since the death of George Floyd sparked global anti-racism protests.

"FIFA strongly advocates for tolerance, mutual respect and

common sense when such important matters are debated," world soccer's governing body said in a statement. "FIFA has a zero-tolerance approach to incidents of all forms of discrimination in football, as outlined in the FIFA Statutes. We must all say no to racism and no to violence."

FIFA President Gianni Infantino introduced Trump at a dinner at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland in January, expressing a desire to "make sure that the 'American

dream' becomes reality, not only in America, as we have seen, but all over the world."

In response to Trump's tweet, FIFA said Infantino's "position on the player's rights to express themselves against racism, discrimination and violence was clearly stated two weeks ago and it has not changed."

Infantino signaled support for on-field protests after American midfielder Weston McKennie wore an armband while playing for Schalke in Germany.

# TENNIS/COLLEGE FOOTBALL



ADAM HUNGER/AP

**Ashleigh Barty reacts during a second-round match in last year's U.S. Open. Barty has joined the ranks of high-profile players concerned over the staging of this year's U.S. Open.**

## Barty joins players expressing concern with US Open timing

By JOHN PYE  
Associated Press

BRISBANE, Australia — Ash Barty has joined the ranks of high-profile players concerned over the staging of the U.S. Open while there's still so much uncertainty around the coronavirus pandemic.

The women's No. 1 hasn't had the chance yet to defend her French Open title because all elite tennis competition is shuttered. She's already processed the fact there'll be no Wimbledon in 2020 but is still awaiting clarity on the U.S. Open, which is scheduled to begin Aug. 31.

Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal, winners of the past eight men's major titles, have aired reservations about the potential restrictions on players, limits on player entourages and other changes being considered for the U.S. Open. Women's No. 2 Simona Halep reportedly is also uncertain about playing.

"I have concerns too," Barty said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "I understand the tournaments are eager to run but keeping everyone safe has to be the priority."

A decision from the U.S. Tennis Association's board about whether to hold the Grand Slam tournament in New York in August could be made as early as this week.

Djokovic last week told Serbia's state broadcaster RTS that most players he's talked to "were quite negative" about entering the U.S. Open and that for him, "as things stand, most probably the season will continue on clay at the beginning of September."

The French Open was postponed from a May start to late September because of the COVID-19 outbreak. Under usual circumstances, the U.S. Open is the last of the four majors to be played in the season.

U.S. Open tournament director Stacey Allaster has said organizers have been trying to figure out how to "engage fans virtually," making it unlikely that fans — or at least large groups of fans — will be allowed to attend.

Under proposals to get the tournament started, players would need to prove they had tested negative for COVID-19 before traveling on charter flights the USTA would organize from a handful of cities. There likely would be daily health questionnaires and temperature checks, along with occasional nasal, saliva or antibody testing.

Barty said she's "still getting my head around what the tournament setup would be." Australia closed its international borders in March and there's still travel restrictions domestically and strict physical distancing regulations, although restrictions are easing. "I can't wait to get back out there and play but we have to make sure it's safe to do so first, not just for me but for my team," Barty told the AP.

Barty hasn't played competitively since a semifinal loss to Petra Kvitová at the Qatar Open in late February. That followed her first title on home soil at the Adelaide International in January and her semifinal run at the Australian Open.

She's been able to spend time at home in Australia's Queensland state since March.

A Grand Slam title defense is likely a priority for the remainder of the year, but there's so much unknown.

"It's tough to set goals, that's for sure, (when) we still don't really know what the rest of the year will look like, there is so much out of our control," Barty said. "When we have some certainty on the rest of the year, my team and I will sit down and set a few tennis goals."

## Colleges weighing whether to detail athletes' test results

By STEVE MEGARGEE  
Associated Press

Over the past two weeks, as college athletes have returned to campuses to work out and prepare for sports later this year, a handful of them have tested positive for the coronavirus.

Arkansas State, Houston, Boise State, Iowa State, Oklahoma State. More than a dozen schools in all.

Just how many positive tests isn't known, however, because college officials are debating exactly what to tell the public. Nearly half the 66 Football Bowl Subdivision members that responded to an Associated Press inquiry last week said they were still deciding whether to disclose the number of athletes with positive tests — and just over half aren't going to release numbers at all.

"That's a real challenge," Memphis athletic director Laird Veatch said. "A lot of us in the profession are trying to work through that. That's why I think you've seen quite a bit of inconsistency across the country in terms of what's been announced and what hasn't."

The inconsistency has been apparent since football players began returning to campus this month for voluntary workouts. Auburn confirmed three players had tested positive; a few days later, rival Alabama declined to confirm reports that as many as eight were positive, citing privacy laws. Boise State said only that a number of athletes had tested positive without providing details.

Arkansas State announced June 4 that seven athletes from three different sports had tested positive for COVID-19 and were self-isolating for 14 days.

"We would have made the same kind of announcement if it had not involved student-athletes," Arkansas State chancellor Kelly Dampousse said in a statement. "Our announcement reinforced the message that our governor had recently shared: Young people are not immune to COVID-19 and you may be infected without realizing it. To be transparent, we felt comfortable in acknowledging these positive tests came from our returning student-athletes, as they were the only students who were being tested that week."

Other schools weren't as transparent. They're disclosing the number of positive tests only to public health officials. Syracuse is one of the schools in that group.

"We're going to do everything we can to respect and protect the privacy rights of our student-athletes while at the same time understanding your colleagues, this is a news item for you, and we're trying to are on the right side and the right way to do both," Syracuse athletic director John Wildhack said.

Athletic programs sometimes avoid making formal injury announcements, citing the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) or the Family Educational Rights and



ARIEL COBBERT, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL/AP

Memphis director of athletics Laird Veatch, left, and Memphis football coach Ryan Silverfield haven't had a player test positive for COVID-19 yet. As football players start returning to campus, college officials have a wide range of opinions on whether to let the public know how many of their athletes test positive. Nearly half of the 66 Football Bowl Subdivision members that responded to an Associated Press survey said they were still deciding whether to announce the number of student-athletes with positive tests.

**‘Most of the time, the information colleges and universities need to disclose don't require the identification of a particular student to the press or general public.’**

Amelia Vance  
director of youth and education privacy at the Future Privacy Forum

Privacy Act (FERPA). Both are designed to protect the privacy of an individual's health records. The U.S. Education Department issued guidelines in March that said a school shouldn't disclose personal identifiable information from student education records to the media even if it determines a health or safety emergency exists.

But is merely revealing a number going to enable anyone to identify which athletes tested positive? That's up for debate.

Amelia Vance is the director of youth and education privacy at the Future Privacy Forum, a think tank dedicated to data privacy issues. Vance believes releasing the number of positive tests effectively informs the public without sacrificing privacy.

Vance said disclosing the number of positive tests for a certain team would help notify members of the general public who may have come into contact with the athletes and could serve as a guide to those schools that haven't welcomed students back to campus yet.

"If you're saying six students tested positive or a student was exposed and therefore we're having the whole team tested or things like that, they wouldn't probably be traced back to an individual student," Vance said. "Therefore, neither (FERPA or HIPAA) is going to apply, so any claim that privacy laws wouldn't allow that disclosure would be disingenuous."

"The challenge is to balance the public interest with the privacy of

the students," she said. "Most of the time, the information colleges and universities need to disclose don't require the identification of a particular student to the press or general public."

Florida State has announced at least one athlete had tested positive for coronavirus, but athletic department spokesman Rob Wilson said the school didn't release an exact number out of concern that might make it "fairly easy to identify who." Texas Tech said it had positive cases within its men's basketball program but didn't reveal the number due to privacy concerns.

Middle Tennessee's athletic director Chris Massaro said his school won't release any numbers until everyone's back on campus, and it will then note the entire number of students who tested positive without saying how many were athletes. Appalachian State also plans to announce the total number of positive tests without differentiating athletes from the general student population.

As for Memphis, Veatch said none of his football players had tested positive yet, giving officials time to decide how to proceed.

"In the future we're going to have to work through that and really try to balance student-athlete rights with public health and safety," Veatch said. "We'll find a way to do that, but we haven't determined exactly what that's going to look like yet."

AP Sports Writer Teresa M. Walker in Nashville, Tennessee, contributed to this report.



# AUTO RACING

## Briscoe wins Xfinity race

### Dixie Vodka 400

**NASCAR Cup Series**  
**Sunday**  
**At Homestead-Miami Speedway**  
**Homestead, Fla.**  
**Lap length: 1.50 miles**  
**(Start position in parentheses)**

- (1) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 267 laps, 60 points.
- (2) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 267, 50.
- (11) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 267, 50.
- (24) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 267, 50.
- (21) Aric Almirola, Ford, 267, 39.
- (4) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 267, 33.
- (16) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 267, 27.
- (36) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 267, 27.
- (22) William Byron, Chevrolet, 267, 27.
- (7) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 267, 32.
- (12) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 267, 28.
- (6) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 267, 29.
- (17) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 267, 24.
- (43) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 267, 23.
- (30) Michael McDowell, Ford, 267, 21.
- (9) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 266, 21.
- (10) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 266, 20.
- (8) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 266, 18.
- (18) John H. Nemechek, Ford, 266, 18.
- (19) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 266, 17.
- (15) Erik Jones, Toyota, 266, 16.
- (25) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 266, 15.
- (13) Chris Buescher, Ford, 266, 15.
- (34) Ryan Preuss, Chevrolet, 266, 20.
- (26) Matt Kenseth, Chevrolet, 266, 16.
- (7) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 266, 11.
- (27) Joey Logano, Ford, 265, 15.
- (32) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 265, 9.
- (26) Corey LaJoie, Toyota, 265, 9.
- (14) Ryan Newman, Ford, 263, 7.
- (37) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 263, 6.
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- (31) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 259, 4.
- (38) Timmy Hill, Toyota, 257, 0.
- (34) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 256, 0.
- (29) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 255, 0.
- (27) Josh Billicki, Chevrolet, 245, 0.
- (25) J. Velez, Ford, fuel pump, 211, 0.

**Race Statistics**  
**Race Winner's Average:** 127.766 mph.  
**Time of Race:** 3 hours, 8 minutes, 6 seconds.  
**Laps Completed:** 17 of 20.  
**Caution Flags:** 6 for 27 laps.  
**Changes:** 17 among 7 drivers.  
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# VIRUS OUTBREAK

## ANALYSIS

# MLB labor struggle likely to affect sport into 2022

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Jeremy Jeffress, Jordan Montgomery and Kevin Plawecki could play for free this season, earning salaries lower than what they have received as advances.

Mookie Betts, George Springer, J.T. Realmuto, James Paxton and Marcus Stroman are likely to find fewer bidders, dollars and contract years as the free-agent market lurches into a free fall next offseason.

All of baseball could be bracing for a spring training lock-out and shortened 2022 season after the coronavirus pandemic heightened the likelihood of the sport's first work stoppage since 1994-95.

"Bryce Harper, Manny Machado, Christian Yelich, all these guys are lucky that they signed," former Miami Marlins president David Samson said Sunday. "The biggest people you should watch this offseason are Mookie Betts and J.T. Realmuto because J.T. thought that he would surpass Joe Mauer and Buster Posey, and there is likely no chance. And Mookie Betts thought that he would be above Bryce Harper and I would view that as much less likely now."

The pathogen highlighted each side's economic interest: players care most about the regular season, when they accrue the entirety of their salaries; owners worry

about the postseason, when \$787 million in broadcast revenue is due.

Major League Baseball owners are left with the decision of how long a regular season to schedule after players' union head Tony Clark said Saturday night that "unfortunately it appears that further dialogue with the league would be futile."

Bruce Meyer, the union's chief negotiator, sent Deputy Commissioner Dan Halet a letter that "we demand that you inform us of your plans by close of business on Monday."

A March 26 agreement called for players to receive prorated salaries and bound the sides to "complete the fullest 2020 championship season and postseason that is economically feasible," consistent with a series of provisions: no government restrictions on mass gatherings, no travel restrictions and no health or safety risk "to stage games in front of fans in each of the 30 clubs' home ballparks."

It also called for MLB and the union to "discuss in good faith the economic feasibility of playing games in the absence of spectators or at appropriate substitute neutral sites."

Commissioner Rob Manfred has threatened a regular-season of about 50 games, which would lead to players receiving about 31% of their salaries, about \$1.23 billion. That is less than the \$1.27

billion they were guaranteed in the offer they turned down, a deal worth \$1.45 billion if the postseason is completed.

Barring a move toward a deal, both sides probably will file grievances. The union would claim MLB failed to schedule the longest season possible and ask for money damages.

The union would say to make an evaluation it needs documents detailing the equity relationships between baseball owners and regional sports networks, and between owners and real estate ventures adjacent to ballparks. MLB would claim the union did not bargain in good faith.

Players say they have no obligation to help clubs reduce expenses caused by playing in empty ballparks. Agent Scott Boras says the MLB stance is akin to saying: "When lightning strikes you, you tell the runners no race until you fix my track."

Arbitrator Mark Irvings, who ruled against Chicago Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant in the service time manipulation grievance filed by the union, would likely spend months ruling on document demands before the sides even start to present the merits of the case.

Players have received \$170 million in advances, up to \$286,500 each. That means a player with a salary of about \$925,000 or less whose contract did not include a lower rate of pay while in the major



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**Boston Red Sox catcher Kevin Plawecki is among the players who would earn lower prorated salaries for a shortened season than they already have paid in advances.**

leagues — Jeffress, Montgomery and Plawecki, among them — already has received more money than that he would be owed under the proration formula.

Those players wouldn't have to return any money; instead, the money would be paid back to MLB by the union from taxes collected from teams for exceeding international signing bonus pool thresholds.

All players will lose chances to accumulate statistics for games lost that are never made up.

While they argue and file briefs, Betts, Realmuto and the rest are unlikely to reach the \$300 million-and-more deals given to Mike Trout, Harper, Giancarlo Stanton, Gerrit Cole and Machado. The average salary, stagnated around \$4.4 million since 2016, is likely to fall sharply this winter.

If the coronavirus lingers into 2021, another season could be impacted. Unless an agreement is reached, the sides would argue whether MLB has the right to suspend the Uniform Player Con-

tract during a national emergency, Manfred threatened before the March agreement. Teams also will probably push for a pandemic provision in the guarantee language of new guaranteed contracts.

Bargaining during a major grievance will be more difficult than usual heading into the labor contract's expiration on Dec. 1, 2021. Given the experience of 1994 and the union's threat to strike in 2002, teams would rather have a confrontation during spring training than in summer. If Joe Biden defeats Donald Trump in the presidential election and Democrats win control of both houses of Congress, player take-home could go down no matter what.

"If the Democrats win, I think they recognize that tax rates are going to go through the roof," former commissioner Fay Vincent said. "\$40 million is an awful lot of money, but the tax on that is going to be extraordinary."

# Protection: NFL has 10-year labor deal, but sticking points still could arise over revenue

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Ganis says there are plenty of options within that premise: no fans, some fans, perhaps full stadiums by season's end or teams playing somewhere other than their regular venues because of pandemic-related restrictions.

Regardless, the financial health of the NFL isn't among the questions for now, while other leagues grapple with issues over fan-related dollars that more profoundly affect their ability to operate.

Fitch Ratings recently affirmed its "A-plus" credit mark for the NFL and its properties while noting that the league had approved raising the borrowing limit for each club to \$500 million from \$350 million. While Fitch analyst Charles Lewis said the debt limit had more to do with larger capital spending, such as stadiums and practice facilities, the company attributes part of its strong rating to the television deals. Fitch says the NFL estimates each team's media revenue at \$250 million per season. The number gets bigger later in the contract, and each deal is set to expire in the next two years.

So it's safe to say more than half of the league's \$15 billion in annual revenue comes from the TV deals shared equally among all 32 teams — unlike Major League Baseball, the NBA and NHL.

"If you just look at the number of eyeballs that the NFL gets on an average regular-season game," Lewis said, "there's just a very strong foundation there. That's just really a testament to the strength of the league and how it looks for the league long term."

Ganis estimates each team's average of stadium-related revenue — tickets, parking, concessions, sponsorships and merchandise among other things — at \$130 million annually. The midway point in Forbes magazine's most recent analysis of stadium incomes for all 32 teams was about \$150 million.

Those figures put leaguewide stadium revenue in the range of \$4 billion to \$5 billion annually, or about 30% of the overall bottom line. That's not far from former Packers executive Andrew Brandt's belief that roughly 60% of the NFL's money comes from media contracts, also known as

national revenue.

Brandt, director of Villanova's Moorad Center of Sports Law, estimated ticket sales could make up about 25% of a team's total revenue depending on several factors, but he also wondered about the impact outside a stadium.

"There is nothing like game-day weekend in Green Bay," Brandt said. "The way the hotels are sold out months in advance and they have these houses by Lambeau that are just rented for each weekend. The effect on local economies is huge."

MLB's attempts to get the baseball season started are being held up in part by a disagreement over how to compensate players in the likelihood that owners will have no fan-related revenue. NFL owners and players recently reached

a 10-year labor agreement. And while players' compensation has been overshadowed by talk of access to team facilities and how to conduct training camps safely, Brandt believes it's a potential sticking point if the league decides to play without fans or limited capacities.

For one thing, next year's salary cap might shrink because of lower local revenues after expanding repeatedly for years. If attendance is restricted, owners and players might have to work on solutions for the cap.

"Difficult, not because of negativity between the two sides necessarily," Brandt said. "It's difficult because of the subject. It's just how bad do the owners want to extract a pound of flesh?"

Former television executive Neal Pilson wonders if the virus-battered economy might lead some corporations to question spending on advertising in the fall. But Ganis believes the appetite for live televised sports will make the ratings behemoth known as the NFL as popular as ever.

"Everything else, all other en-

tertainment broadcasting, is in doubt except sports," Ganis said. "And they need sports more than ever to advertise."

The PGA Tour restarted at a nearly deserted Colonial Country Club in Texas, and the NBA and NHL are moving ahead with plans to finish their seasons at neutral sites without fans. The NASCAR and IndyCar circuits are running in front of more than 100,000 empty seats, though NASCAR has a limited number of fans in attendance this past weekend.

The NFL is the most watched of them all, so there figures to be a new wave of TV interest in September if the games are on.

"It was always awkward to televise a sports event and not see anybody there because we always felt that the viewer looked at the fact that there's nobody in attendance and says, 'Why am I watching? Nobody cares,'" said Pilson, who oversaw NFL coverage at CBS.

"We never were able to quantify that. But as a television executive you always want a full house."

Yet even in empty houses, the payoff for the NFL is substantial.

## GOLF/NBA

# Happy returns: Berger wins at Colonial

## Golfer gets playoff win in first PGA tournament since March

By DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Daniel Berger dreamed of moments like this, a putt on the final hole with everything riding on it, and he pulled it off to perfection Sunday at Colonial.

What he never imagined is how quiet it would be.

No cheers when his 10-foot birdie on the final hole gave him a share of the lead. No groans when Collin Morikawa missed a 6-foot birdie putt for the win. And more silence on the first playoff hole than Berger won with a par.

"It was a little different for sure, but in the end, I was holding the trophy," Berger said. "And that's all that matters to me."

The PGA Tour made a healthy and muted return from the COVID-19 pandemic at the Charles Schwab Challenge, except for Morikawa and Xander Schauffele having reason to feel sick to their stomachs.

One hole after a chance to win in regulation, Morikawa hit a super-putt on the 17th hole in the playoff to 3 feet. Berger convert-

ed his simple up-and-down for par from behind the green, and Morikawa's short par putt put to extend the playoff hit the right side of the cup and spun out.

"Just hit a better putt," Morikawa said. "My mind can't go much else than other what just happened on that hole."

Schauffele, whose moxie is easy to miss behind his California cool, made three straight clutch putts — for par, bogey and birdie — that kept him tied for the lead only to learn new meaning of "Horrible Horseshoe" at Colonial. His 3-foot par putt on the 17th in regulation dipped in the hole on the right side and came out on the left.

His 25-foot birdie putt on the 18th to force a playoff was right on line and came up short.

"If there are fans and everything with the 'oohs' and 'aahs,' I'd probably be a little more ticked off," Schauffele said. "Maybe that's a good thing for me right now. But it was definitely weird. It was sort of an internal battle, which it always is for me, but more so internal this week just with no fans."

Berger, whose birdie on the 18th gave him a 4-under 66, won for the third time on the PGA Tour, all three titles coming on this week in the calendar.

The other two in 2016 and 2017 were at the St. Jude Classic when it preceded the U.S. Open.

This felt different because Colonial was devoid of fans — just like the next four weeks will be on the PGA Tour — and because of the routine he followed. Berger went from the golf course to the rental house, his uncle serving as the chef. He had a saliva test in Florida and a nasal test when he arrived for the new coronavirus, both negative.

He was excited when he arrived — Berger has shot par or better every round since Oct. 11 — because golf was back to business.

And he was thrilled when he left, a winner again after missing nearly five months at the end of 2018 because of a wrist injury. The win moved him from outside the top 100 to No. 31 in the world.

"This has been a phenomenal start to our return," Monahan said.

It almost was a tremendous return for Morikawa, who is so steady that he already has won and has made every cut as a pro dating to his graduation from Cal a year ago. No newcomer has had a streak that long since Tiger Woods.

Morikawa took a share of the lead with a 50-foot putt on the 14th hole. It was the short ones that hurt.

"We gave ourselves our chance, and that's what you want at the end," Morikawa said. "Yeah, it's going to sting for a little bit, but we'll make it and we'll go on to next week."



Daniel Berger examines the championship trophy after winning the Charles Schwab Challenge golf tournament in a playoff at the Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas, Sunday.

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## Scoreboard

### Charles Schwab Challenge

Sunday  
Colonial Country Club  
Fort Worth, Texas  
Purse: \$7.5 million  
Yardage: 7299; Par 70

#### x-Daniel Berger won on first playoff hole

x-D. Berger	\$1,350,000	65-67-67-66-265
C. Morikawa	\$817,500	64-67-67-67-265
B. DeChambeau	\$366,000	65-65-70-66-266
Jason Kokrak	\$366,000	67-70-65-64-266
Justin Rose	\$366,000	63-69-68-66-266
X. Schauffele	\$366,000	65-66-66-69-266
Patrick Reed	\$243,750	68-69-63-67-267
Samuel Watson	\$243,750	68-66-68-65-267
G. Woodland	\$219,375	65-67-66-70-268
Bubba Jarrett	\$181,875	66-69-67-67-269
J.T. Poston	\$181,875	66-67-68-68-269
J. Spieth	\$181,875	65-65-68-71-269
J. Thomas	\$181,875	64-68-66-71-269
A. Ancer	\$129,375	64-70-66-70-270
C. Champ	\$129,375	66-71-65-68-270
P. Rodgers	\$129,375	68-69-70-65-270
R. Sabbatini	\$129,375	68-68-69-68-270
P. Uhlir	\$129,375	69-68-69-67-270
Corey Connors	\$95,625	66-67-67-71-271
Joni Dahmen	\$95,625	66-65-70-68-271
Branden Grace	\$95,625	66-66-66-73-271
H. Varner III	\$95,625	63-66-70-72-271
R. Cabrera Bello	\$65,250	68-67-69-68-272
Tony Finau	\$65,250	68-69-67-68-272
Lucas Glover	\$65,250	67-70-69-66-272
Chesson Hadley	\$65,250	70-68-64-70-272
Liam Harrison	\$65,250	65-69-70-68-272
Victor Howard	\$65,250	70-68-68-66-272
Bud Cauley	\$51,375	71-67-67-68-273

Bryson DeChambeau (66), Justin Rose (66) and Jason Kokrak (64) all had birdie chances on the 18th. Berger was the only who delivered, and this time the playoff worked out in his favor.

Jordan Spieth, trying to end

Kevin Kisner	\$51,375	67-69-68-69-273
Ian Poulter	\$51,375	66-70-67-70-273
K. Bradley	\$41,875	69-69-61-69-274
M. Fitzpatrick	\$41,875	68-68-69-69-274
Brooks Koepka	\$41,875	68-68-69-69-274
Rory McIlroy	\$41,875	68-63-69-74-274
M. McNeely	\$41,875	69-69-66-70-274
J. Niemann	\$41,875	72-65-72-65-274
B. Burgoon	\$32,625	68-70-67-67-275
Tyler Duncan	\$32,625	65-70-70-70-275
Harry Higgs	\$32,625	70-65-71-69-275
B. Horschell	\$32,625	68-68-70-69-275
Matt Jones	\$32,625	66-70-69-70-275
Talor Gooch	\$24,425	68-70-69-69-276
Adam Hadwin	\$24,425	65-71-68-72-276
Mark Hubbard	\$24,425	67-68-67-74-276
Zach Johnson	\$24,425	72-66-69-69-276
Adam Schenk	\$24,425	66-72-72-66-276
Brian Stuard	\$24,425	68-70-74-64-276
Jim Furyk	\$18,985	69-67-67-74-277
C. Howell III	\$18,985	70-67-66-74-277
L. A. Lindgren	\$18,985	68-70-69-70-277
M. Nesmith	\$18,985	70-67-70-70-277
Pat Perez	\$18,985	69-70-69-69-277
Matthew Wolff	\$17,775	67-69-71-71-278
Zac Blair	\$17,475	71-65-75-68-279
L. Oosthuizen	\$17,475	69-69-69-72-279
S. Scheffler	\$17,475	68-69-69-73-279
Doc Redman	\$17,100	67-70-73-70-280
Richy Werenski	\$17,100	73-66-70-72-280
Byeong Hun An	\$16,650	67-71-69-74-281
Chris Kirk	\$16,650	68-70-68-75-281
Alex Noren	\$16,650	67-71-67-76-281
J. Vegas	\$16,650	64-74-73-70-281
K. Mitchell	\$16,200	67-71-71-73-282
Scott Piercy	\$16,200	67-71-73-71-282
D. McCarthy	\$15,975	70-68-73-72-283
Jason Dufner	\$15,825	68-69-70-78-285

three years without a victory, left with a consolation prize of progress. He missed a 2-foot par putt on the sixth hole — part of three bogeys in a four-hole stretch — but was still in the mix until a tee shot out of bounds on the 14th.



DAVID J. PHILLIPS/AP

Collin Morikawa misses a putt on the 17th green Sunday during a playoff at the Charles Schwab Challenge at the Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas.

# Howard: NBA's return might distract from more important matters

By TANIA GANGULI  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — As the NBA attempts to restart its season amid nationwide protests against police brutality and racism, some players have expressed concern that basketball could prove to be a distraction.

One of those is Los Angeles Lakers center Dwight Howard.

"Basketball, or entertainment period, isn't needed at this moment, and will only

be a distraction," Howard said in a statement provided to CNN. "Sure, it might not distract us the players, but we have resources at hand a majority of our community doesn't have. And the smallest distraction for them can start a trickle-down effect that may never stop."

"Especially with the way the climate is now, I have nothing more than to win my very first NBA Championship. But the unity of My People would be an even bigger Championship, that's just too beautiful

to pass up. What better time than now for us to be focusing on our families?"

Brooklyn Nets guard Kyrie Irving led a conference call last week with a group of players in which he expressed concerns about the league's plans to restart. This came after the National Basketball Players Association agreed to the framework presented by the NBA to resume play in Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in July, pending further negotiations.

Several Lakers have publicly stated their

desire to continue the season, including LeBron James, Kyle Kuzma and the team's player representatives, Danny Green and Jared Dudley, who have stressed the financial ramifications of the players not agreeing to resume. It could cause their current collective bargaining agreement to be voided, leading to significant financial losses for players. The Lakers are also hoping to finish a season in which they seemed poised to make a deep playoff run and had championship aspirations.



## SPORTS



## Quiet comeback

Berger wins playoff at Colonial in 1st PGA Tour event since March » **Page 23**

## VIRUS OUTBREAK



# Pandemic protection

TV money gives NFL leg up if fans can't fill teams' coffers

By SCHUYLER DIXON  
Associated Press

**T**iming favored the NFL over other major pro sports leagues in trying to figure out how to keep the coronavirus pandemic from wrecking the 2020 season.

America's most popular sport has another big advantage if the games are played: TV money.

While NFL owners could lose billions collectively with limited capacities in stadiums or no fans at all, the league is well-

**If the COVID-19 pandemic forces the NFL to play games without fans in the stands, the league should remain in good financial health. Each team's media revenue is an estimated \$250 million per season.**

(Stock/Stars and Stripes illustration  
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positioned financially because of lucrative media contracts approaching \$10 billion in a full 2020 season.

And so far, the NFL is on pace to play games this fall.

"The NFL takes its position as America's sport, the nation's sport, very seriously," said Marc Ganis, co-founder of the Chicago-based consulting group SportsCorp and close observer of the pro sports business scene. "They will move heaven and earth, make whatever adjustments are necessary. As long as players and coaches are healthy, they will get the games on."

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